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NEW SERIES—VOLUME 28—NO. 42



DR. FRANK S. GRONER

Groner Accepts Memphis Post

Dr. Frank S. Groner, age 34, who has been associated with the Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans for the last ten years, has accepted the position as administrator of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. Dr. Groner is a young man of marked ability as an executive, and should do a great and good work in Memphis. His hospital experience has placed him among those in the forefront in that profession. He is a fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators and a member of national, state and local hospital organizations. He is chairman of the deacons in the Napoleon Avenue Baptist church of New Orleans, and his work in that church has been conspicuously valuable.

Dr. Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans states that the going of Dr. Groner is deeply regretted by the New Orleans institution and that the Board of Directors accepted his resignation with a sense of real loss.

Dorothy Page

CHAPTER II.

Dorothy's Conversion.

"Oh, a tennis court! How glorious!" exclaimed Dorothy next morning as she stepped out on the porch and caught her first glimpse of the side lawn.

Sterling considered it a special providence that no intervening fence separated the two residences, and nearly every afternoon found him on the tennis grounds, an eager contestant in the game with Dorothy.

"Good-by, Mr. Sterling," she said to him one afternoon at the close of the game. "I must hurry in and do some packing. I shall turn traveler

Ridgecrest Closes Greatest Year

NASHVILLE, —(SBPA)— Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly has closed its largest season with more than 23,000 Southern Baptists registering for the 26 conferences held during the 1946 season.

After listening to all of the problems and working to find enough food



ROBERT J. GUY

Mr. Robert J. Guy, former Atlanta, Georgia, business man has been elected as manager of Ridgecrest Assembly. He is already on the job.

to feed the thousands who attended, J. N. Barnette is back in Nashville at his job as secretary of the Sunday school department of the Sunday School Board, several pounds lighter after his pinch-hitting experience but still reflecting on the highlight experiences.

"I believe the thing that I will never forget about the 1946 summer season is that more than 500 young (Continued on Page Two)

State BSU Convenes Oct. 18-20, Jackson

SEVERAL OUT-OF-STATE SPEAKERS TO BE HEARD

Final plans for the Mississippi BSU Convention, to be held at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, October 18-20, 1946, are being made under the direction of Franklin E. Moak, Ole Miss, State President, and Chas. W. Horner, State Secretary, and between 500 to 1,000 students representing practically every college in Mississippi are expected to attend. The Keynote of the meeting will be "To Live Is Christ."

Among those slated to appear on the program are Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis; Dr. Chester E. Swor, of Jackson; Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Meridian, and (Continued on Page Two)



FRANKLIN E. MOAK

MRS. W. C. TYLER ADDED TO BLUE MT. FACULTY

Because more than 70% of the students in Blue Mountain College have enrolled in the Bible Department it has been necessary to add an assistant in the department, who is Mrs. Frances Landrum Hyler, Recording Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It has been necessary to add two new sections of Old Testament, and one new section of New Testament.

Such interest in the Bible by Blue Mountain College students reflects the influence of consecrated Christian parents who have made the Bible a vivid book to their daughters.

—BR—

The Washington Review

By Larston D. Farrar

Religious News Service Correspondent
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS STUDY SPOTLIGHTS RELIGION IN RUSSIA
WASHINGTON, D. C., — Religious leaders here are studying with more than casual interest the chapter entitled "Religion," in Communism in Action, the 140-page analysis of the Soviet Union prepared by the legislative reference service of the Library of Congress under the supervision of Director Ernest S. Griffith.

The study, instigated by Rep. Everett M. Dirksen (R.-Ill.) ostensibly to give the average farmer the abc's of Communism and what it would mean if applied in America, devotes seven (Continued on Page Two)



REV. LEON MACON

Macon Goes To Alabama

Rev. Leon Macon, who came to West Point Church, from Alabama two years ago, resigned to return to an Alabama pastorate on September 15. His new work is with First Church, Bessemer.

During the two years at West Point there have been 228 additions to the church and the income from tithes and offerings has been \$77,641. This is an all-time high for the church. The Sunday School attendance has averaged 385 and the Training Union more than 100 in attendance.

At the time of his resignation the Rev. Macon was president of the local Rotary Club. He was also the Convention Board Member from Clay County.

Many people, in and out of West Point have expressed regret at the going of Pastor Macon.

Read The Baptist Record For Inspiration Along With Infomation

STATE BSU CONVENES OCT. 18-20,
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President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jackson; Mr. William Hall Preston, Associate South-wide BSU Secretary, Nashville; Ralph B. Winders, BSU Secretary for Virginia; W. F. Howard, BSU Secretary for Texas; Dr. Claud B. Bowen, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson; Miss Hazel Chisholm, organist for the First Baptist Church, Jackson; Rev. W. A. Hogan, Decatur; T. Harvey Hedgepeth, Jackson attorney, and many others.

The deadline for both out-of-town registration and for the purchase of tickets for the banquet, to be given at the Heidelberg Hotel Victory Room Saturday, October 19, at 5:30 p.m. is October 15, according to Secretary Horner. Those who wish to stay in private homes while in Jackson and those who wish to attend the banquet, at which Chester E. Swor will be the toastmaster, are urged to get their registration fees and banquet fees in to Chas. W. Horner, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, not later than October 15. Registration costs a dollar; the banquet, two dollars.

STATE BSU CONVENTION PROGRAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Jackson, Mississippi

October 18-20, 1946

Theme: "TO LIVE IS CHRIST"

Friday Afternoon

3:00—Registration and assignment of homes begins Fellowship.

Friday Evening

Frank Moak, Ole Miss, Presiding

7:30—Sacred Organ Concert—Hazel Chisholm.

Special Music—Students.

Devotional—Students.

7:50—"The Purpose of the BSU"—William Hall Preston.

8:15—"To Live Is Christ"—R. Paul Caudill.

Social Get-Together after Service.
In charge of Betty Gail Clark.

Saturday Morning

Sam Cochran, Miss. College, Presiding

9:30—Congregational Singing—Led by student.

9:45—"What Do Ye More Than Others In Bible Study and Prayer"—Ralph B. Winders.

10:00—Special Music—Students.

10:05—Panel Form on "Practical Christian Service Through Extension Ministries"—Led by William Hall Preston, assisted by Merle Lewis Walker. (On platform: Jackson pastors, students, W. F. Howard, Ralph B. Winders, State Board Department Heads).

1. Missions in the Community.

2. Youth Revivals.

3. Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Work.

4. YWA, GA, RA Work.

5. Training Union Work.

6. Work under Music Department.

7. Other services and testimonies.

10:55—Simultaneous Seminars on Life Interests and Vocations.

1. Living Christ in the Practice of Law.

2. Living Christ in the Practice of Medicine.

3. Living Christ in the Practice of Engineering.

4. Living Christ in the Teaching Profession.

5. Living Christ in Homemaking.

6. Living Christ in the Fine Arts.

7. Living Christ in Journalism.

8. Living Christ in Nursing.

9. Living Christ in Full-Time Christian Work.

11:30—"Christ Exalted Through Me"—

RIDGECREST CLOSURES GREATEST YEAR

(Continued from Page One)
people dedicated their lives for full-time Christian service during the summer, "Mr. Barnette said, "It is impossible to tell what that will mean for the cause of Christ in the days ahead."

"Another thing I can never forget about the 1946 season is the array of speakers who were on hand," the genial Sunday school apostle said, "When you have such men as Harold E. Stassen, Dr. R. G. Lee, John Hill, Louie D. Newton, W. A. Criswell, Ellis Fuller, and countless others on the program in one summer, you know why people come to Ridgecrest."

Another thing that cheered Mr. Barnette was the fact that more than \$10,000 was given to world relief and rehabilitation during the summer by those attending Ridgecrest. The fact that the visitors ate more than 20,000 pounds of chicken during the summer might have made them conscious that people were starving around the world.

"I think credit ought to be given the staff which worked so faithfully," Mr. Barnette said, "More than 350 students, teachers, and other young people worked during the summer months."

Mr. Robert J. Guy, will serve as the manager for 1947. He is already on the job, getting ready for a bigger Ridgecrest next year.

—BR—

Three deacons were ordained at Calvary Church, Jackson, on Sunday evening, October 6, with Rev. James B. Parker, Secretary of the Department of Institutional Work, preaching the ordination sermon. Dr. Claud B. Bowen is pastor and the deacons ordained were: C. W. Sullivan, D. W. Young, and Walter Ferguson. Shelby Price, a new member of the church, was recognized as a deacon.

Chester E. Swor.

Saturday Afternoon

Betty Gail Clark, MSCW, Presiding

2:15—Congregational Singing (Choruses)

—Led by student.

2:30—"What Do Ye More Than Others In Living Uncompromising Lives"

—W. F. Howard.

2:50—Panel Forum on "Overcoming Hindrances to Maximum Christian Living"—Led by Claud B. Bowen.

(On platform: Chester Swor, W. F. Howard, Ralph B. Winders, Jackson Pastors, others).

3:45—"Live Christ"—Norman W. Cox.

Saturday Evening

Henry Carter, Miss. College, Presiding

5:30—Banquet, Heidelberg Victory Room

Chester E. Swor, Toastmaster—In Charge of Betty Gail Clark.

7:30—Sacred Organ Concert—Hazel Chisholm.

Special Music—Student

Devotional—Student

7:50—"The Purpose of the BSU (cont.)"—William Hall Preston.

8:10—"What Do We More Than Others in Sacrificial Giving"—W. A. Hogan.

8:25—Song or Special Music—Student—

8:30—Address—Dr. D. A. McCall.

Sunday Morning

Frank Moak, Presiding

8:00—Breakfast for State Officers.

9:30—Sunday School, Main Auditorium of Church—Harvey Hedgepeth, teacher.

10:55—Morning Worship.

Scripture—Eric Norman, State College.

"What BSU Has Meant To Me"—Student.

Special Music—Student.

"For Me, Christ"—W. Douglas Hudgins.

THE WASHINGTON REVIEW

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pages to religion in Russia—both the Russia of pre-revolutionary times and of today.

It is brought out that the Russians have not had a chance to exercise religious freedom as Americans know it since the days of Peter the Great, when the Russian Church "was bound hand and foot, signed, sealed and delivered to the state, or rather to the autocratic will of the Tsar."

Quoting from various official documents released by the present-day rulers of Russia, the Library of Congress study notes that if the same rules obtained in this country which exist in Russia, there would be no printing of the Bible, prayer books, church school publications, periodicals and the like. The rules also would "prevent the administration of any type of social service work in the name of the Church," according to the study.

"Parochial schools would not be permitted and religious forces would be unable to counterbalance outwardly the attacks of atheistic groups," the report states.

"The extent to which religious freedom will be attained in the Soviet Union in the future is speculative. Notwithstanding the friendly relations which now exist between the state and the churches, the possibility of a more rigid attitude toward religion in the postwar period cannot be overlooked.

"The concessions which have been granted are 'purely factual' and have not been enacted by legislation. Although most observers do not anticipate the resumption of 'grand style persecution,' some do express considerable skepticism as to the security of the privileges recently granted.

"That the basic position of the Communist Party toward religion has not changed is revealed in the following statement by Kalinin, (late) president of the Praesidium of the Supreme Council of the Union:

"Since religion still grips considerable sections of the population and some people are deeply religious, we cannot combat it by ridicule. Of course, if some young people find it amusing, it is not so terrible. But we must not allow it to develop into mockery."

—BR—

East Church, Greenville, Calls Pastor

East church, Greenville, has called Rev. William C. Holland as pastor.

Rev. Holland was graduated from Baylor University in 1939, and has just recently completed the requirements for his doctor's degree in theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Holland, a native Texan, was also graduated from Baylor University and accompanied him on his visit to the city. They will move to Greenville about the first of November.

The East Baptist Church was organized in January, 1945. About a year ago a building program was begun and now is nearing completion. The congregation expects to move into the new building about the time Dr. and Mrs. Holland come.

—BR—

CARTHAGE: A. D. Richardson, deacon and B.T.U. Director of our church has been elected Leake County Associational Training Union Director.

State Missions Succeeds



In this picture we see one of the Associational Missionaries baptizing a convert from a revival in which there were 40 additions. A nearby local minister assisted in the revival. At this place the first Vacation Bible School in the history of the church was held.

In one unchurched community the missionaries held a Vacation Bible School for the children in a saw mill shed. A revival was conducted in a tenant house. This was the first revival in 16 years in that area. Numbers of adults were converted. The people themselves are trying to build a chapel. They need help. This vital work is one of the most popular phases of Mississippi Baptists' State Mission program. Counties that need help in reaching widely scattered communities or unchurched areas can secure financial aid through State Missions by assuming part of the obligations and securing the man for the work in accordance with plans laid out by the Executive Committee for Associational Missionary help, according to Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, State Mission Secretary at Mississippi Baptist Headquarters in Jackson.

—BR—

IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR GRANDFATHER, MICHAEL GREEN AUSTIN

Out on the porch there's a vacant place
And we look in vain for a dear, sweet face.

Our home is lonely since grandfather left;

Down in our hearts we feel bereft.

How dear to us those starlit nights,
When the sky twinkled with a million lights,

And we all gathered about the swing
To listen to our Grandfather sing.

Tho' on this earth he sings no more,
He's singing now on the Golden shore.

He's happy up there at home in the skies,
Where there is no sorrow, nor tears,

nor sighs.

—Dolores Watts, Granddaughter

—BR—

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Mrs. G. L. Stegall, Morton; Mrs. B. E. Phillips, New Hegrone; Miss Ine Phillips, Mississippi College; I. M. Shackelford Sr., Eden; Rev. D. I. Young, Jr., Skene; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Woodson, Tupelo; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain; Dr. Chas. L. McKay, Mobile, Alabama; Rev. N. A. Edmonds, Jackson; Tom Tomlinson, Jackson; Mrs. L. W. Ferrell, Jackson.

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He: "I've got an awful lot of electricity in my hair."

She (on the beam): "I don't doubt it. You always have such shocking things on your mind."

Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1 Cor. 13:8

"We preach Christ Crucified." 1 Corinthians 1:23.

I

Rev. J. B. Parker, our Institutional Visitation Director, has graciously agreed to give about two days a week for the next several weeks to the promotion of the Ministers' Retirement Plan and the Widows' Supplemental Plan through North Mississippi. Dr. B. B. Hilbun, at Laurel, through October, and then at Hattiesburg is helping us through October, November, and December in the promotion of these plans. These brethren will have membership blanks available for the brethren. They will also have tracts furnishing needed information and inspiration. They will talk to pastors, deacons, church groups, and pastors' conferences in promoting the plan. Pastors in churches should feel free to invite them for conferences. In promotion of the Retirement Plan the Executive Secretary has spoken on the plan in practically every section of the state. With Dr. Hasty of the Dallas Board we made a tour of the state. Brother Joe Olander toured sections of the state at least a couple of times. We had Dr. Watts to speak on the plan at our Evangelistic Conference. We have used correspondence, advertising, and news articles extensively. We expect to press the promotion of the Widows' Supplemental Plan in the same intensive manner. Pastors should fill out the blanks NOW sending them along to the office of the Convention Board. A check for a minimum of one month's contribution should accompany the application blank.

II

The Mississippi Baptist Radio Committee, composed of Dr. Claud Bowen, chairman, Rev. H. J. Rushing, Dr. J. D. Franks, and Dr. N. W. Cox, met in the Baptist Building to consider radio as it applies to Baptist work and vice versa. We are confident that this committee will come with some splendid recommendations to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November. Radio is a field largely untouched by Mississippi Baptists. It is still our feeling that Southern Baptists should have a powerful station, short waving the gospel around the world day and night, using at least the major languages spoken by the peoples of the earth. By the same process, it is our feeling that Mississippi Baptists should have a gospel radio station, preaching the gospel, singing the gospel, sounding out the gospel, and rendering a program of Christian helpfulness by day and by night.

We were at Greenville, First Church, with the Deer Creek Association, Mrs. J. F. Scull, presiding. Of course it was a good meeting. We have heard many good words about the good work of Dr. Elliott, pastor of First Church, Greenville. He is pastor of a great church. We wish all of them every good thing.

We then went through the lovely new house of worship being erected by East Baptist Church. Mr. John D. Davis, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was our guide. This is a great situation and a splendid group of people.

We were back at Parchman in a six-service revival with the result—145 conversions. Chaplain Beasley, Associate Chaplain Skutt, and others are doing a tremendously great work.

III

(Written at Charleston and sent to the office the week of Sept., 15th). Some Mississippi Baptists have forgotten, some never knew, that we once had a Christian Education Commission separate and distinct from anything else with its own office and executive secretary. They made good contribution to the work.

However, it remained for the present Christian Education Commission to lead in our greatest day and achievements. But for their help in counsel and service our debt paying campaign would never have been successfully completed. There were days when that campaign trembled in the balance to the point that anything short of 100% co-operation on their part would have meant disaster. It was their attitude and spirit that helped so much.

That leads us to say we can adopt any procedure in this realm; and if the proper attitude and spirit are not there, it is lost.

After the debt paying campaign was successfully closed, we suggested that the Education Commission be discontinued. Our office serves as the office for that body. We know what fine work it has done. We felt its "trouble shooting" days should be ended. Let each college prosecute its own campaign.

We realize that the Convention Board office has more equipment, position, and information for promotional work than any other or all other offices now existent, or any that are in prospect. That has been repeatedly proved! That is the reason, among others, we have been sympathetic and helpful to each institution and cause in turn as they have come around.

We do not care so much about the mechanics as the spirit! Mississippi Baptists will do well to pray, study, and think as we come to our November Convention.

IV

Three times within two days three people came about three churches torn by strife. Our reply constantly restated is that we have no authority in such matters—we want none. Nor, does anybody else have such authority for each Baptist church is sovereign, independent, congregational, democratic. We further state that unless any procedure taken is done in love, little if any good will come. I John, chapters 3, 4, and 5; John, chapters 13 and 14.

In the first case gangster methods had been taken by both sides. Steps had been taken by one side that broke up one home and threatened another. Steps had been taken by the other side that if followed would have dismantled two homes. Great business for a church to be in, is it not? God Almighty will not hold guiltless any leader who lays low His church!

In a second case, the pastor, a mighty fine man, is the victim. God Almighty will not hold guiltless any church that crucifies His called servant!

The third case has just developed, and we have heard only a few of the facts.

Our object in reviewing these events is to say restless, turbulent days are upon us! If God's leaders, if God's people are not big enough to weather the storm, staying in the right attitude, and working away for Him, may our God have mercy upon this world of His!

Here comes a letter asking about the form and finality of church government. A verbal request comes along the same line.

We just had two things as always to say at this point.

First, no denominational group or worker, no preacher, no pastor, no deacon, et cetera, may dictate to this church group.

Second, the church in itself is democratic and congregational in government. In one of the above instances, the church had not acted. In the other instance, we are sure the church had acted wrongly. We still had to say a Baptist church conducts its own affairs. We would not like to think that the local church is not usually right. It is tragedy indeed when it is wrong.

We believe anything needing to be done may be done in love. Anything else is wrong.

V

The ideal distribution of Co-operative Program funds by a church is 50-50. By that the church keeps and uses 50% or 1-2 of all incoming monies in the local church work. Certainly the ideal is for not less than 50% or 1-2 to be sent on out through proper channels to give Jesus to a lost world. Once in a while the unusual church will use only 35%, 40%, or 45% in the local work, sending 55%, 60%, or 65% for the rest of the world. However, if more of our churches would reach or come nearer the 50-50 division of all tithes and offerings, millions of people would hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ who will not otherwise hear it! Read Romans, chapter 10—note "how shall they preach except they be sent?"

We are not only responsible for bringing our tithes and offerings to the storehouse (Malachi 3) but God holds us responsible for seeing that a generous distribution reaches around the world. "God so loved the world," John 3:16. Can His child do less? "Go ye into all the world," Mark 16:15. Some are just giving to the local church—they disobey Jesus in Mark 16:15. We are today preaching the Gospel in only about twenty of the 85 world nations! Our critics without exception are doing less than that!

VI

The people of Christ should take the full word of Christ. Please read the words of Jesus as found in Matthew, chapter 25, verses 31-46. Among others, you will note the words, "I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came unto me." As a denomination, Mississippi Baptists have done mighty little of this particular type of work. Recently we took a great step forward through the employment of Brother J. B. Parker as our Institutional Visitation Director. We predict he will render a great service in Jesus name. He is being graciously received as indicated by the following letter from the Veterans Administration Hospital, Jackson. We appreciate this letter very much, and it follows:

"Dear Mr. McCall:

Reverend J. B. Parker called yesterday and I found him to be an estimable gentleman and very cooperative. He spoke of numerous services that might be rendered to the veterans in this Hospital, and I feel that he and his group will be of great benefit to our veterans. I know of no class of patients who are more deserving of a service such as Dr. Parker represents. We feel very much pleased that your organization has included us in your agenda of work.

Very truly yours,
J. Ralston Wells, M. D.
Manager"

The following card interests us very much, is self-explanatory, and, is a splendid testimony about one phase of State Mission work we and others are trying to do. The card follows:

"Dear Brother McCall:

I am interested in winning to Christ those who are lost. The tracts sent out by the Baptist Headquarters have been a wonderful help to me in my work. I would like very much to have a few more tracts on soul winning as I have used up all you have sent me heretofore.

These tracts will be distributed in the wards of the hospitals and in the homes of my community where we find lost individuals.

Yours in Christ,"

VII

It is our sincere belief that we are "slipping" as a people in the understanding of the direct approach of the individual to God and the democracy of our church life! The two in our thinking are related!

First, the individual has direct access to God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit the Third Person of the Trinity. The individual can and should exercise and demand that right! He should revel in that privilege. You have direct access to your earthly father and mother. You do not have to go through a representative or an attorney! So it is with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—we have direct access! Doxology! A priest may not stand in the way! A preacher may not stand in the way! A church may not stand in the way! A denomination may not stand in the way! Oh, that more people might go directly to the Heart of God!

Second, the New Testament church is democratic and spiritual in life and practice! God so intends it! The vote of the humblest is one with the greatest! The humblest is the greatest! Jesus said, "He that exalteth himself shall be abased," and "He that would be great among you let him be the

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The Connecting Link

B. S. U. is no longer in the experimental stage. It is a vital factor in our denominational life. Many of the leaders in our churches today received the inspiration for definite Christian service through the work of the Baptist Student Union on their campus a year ago, five years ago or perhaps ten, fifteen or twenty years ago.

The B. S. U. is recognized on the University campus, on state college campuses and on denominational college campuses — It is and has been since its inception the connecting link between the local church and the college campus. Students who have been active in their home churches are used during their college years, and return to their home community or communities where employment may take them, to become useful in the local churches.

Hospitals and schools of nursing participate in the work of the B. S. U. by training the students who come to them for special work.

Many states have recognized the importance of the work among our students and have employed full-time State Student Secretaries. These Secretaries work with the Student Secretaries on the local campus and with student leaders in promoting Sunday School classes, Training Unions, Young Women's Auxiliaries and other unit organizations of interest to students.

There is a need for housing facilities for the work among students. The B. S. U. ministers not only to spiritual needs but to the social needs. Some students are enlisted because someone invited them to an hour of fellowship and fun.

Baptist students of Mississippi will descend in numbers upon their Capitol City and upon the First Church, Jackson, the weekend of October 18-20, for their State Student Convention. Outstanding

personalities from the denominational life of the state and south will appear on the program and be on hand to lead forums on issues of the day.

Among the speakers will be William Hall Preston, Associate in the Department of Student Work, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Church, Memphis, Ralph B. Winders, Virginia Student Secretary; and W. E. Howard of Dallas, Texas.

Chester Swor, Jacksonian, and a prominent figure among student groups at Ridgecrest and Southwide Student Conferences will be the toastmaster at the banquet scheduled for Saturday night.

Baptist students are our leaders for the morrow which is not too far away. Christian students will mold the thinking of our children. They will make policies that will determine the growth of our denominational life at home and abroad. They will fill posts of importance in civic, political, economic and military life.

Let us encourage them in their activities promoted by the Baptist Student Union, Chas. W. Horner, State Student Secretary, and pray that God may continue to use this organization for the spread of the gospel through consecrated young men and women.

—BR—

Stop And Ponder

By Rev. B. B. Hall, Pastor,
Woodville Baptist Church

Man's attitude toward his fellow men determines God's attitude toward him. God's supreme design for mankind here and now is to establish a brotherhood of men on earth. Any unbrotherly act therefore is a stab at the very vitals of God's Will for mankind. Accordingly Jesus summed up man's whole duty to man in these words, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," which means simply, Treat your brother, and the helpless minorities among us, as you would have them treat you. This is not unreasonable, it is merely good sportsmanship and beyond question to the highest interests of all concerned.

We mistreat our fellows more frequently by what we fail to do for them than by what we do against them. According to Jesus, earth's highest spiritual authority, the rich man opened his eyes in hell, not because he had harmed Lazarus, but because he failed to feed him with the scraps from his table which he threw into the garbage, although Lazarus lay at his gate starving. The Pharisee, praying in the Temple, did not harm the poor publican; but he was condemned because of his un-

brotherly attitude toward his brother man; for looking upon him with contempt when he should have been wishing for him the same blessings he sought for himself, as Jesus taught him to do when he said, "Give us this day OUR daily bread . . . forgive US our trespasses . . . and deliver US from evil."

If men were condemned by Jesus for failing to minister to the needs of their fellows, of how much sorer punishment shall he be deemed worthy, who has spent his life in wronging and oppressing his fellow men, and in constant rebellion against God's divine law of good will and brotherly helpfulness. In the eyes of Jesus he is the enemy of mankind and is guilty of high treason against the Will of God, and there is more hope for Judas in the Judgment than for that man.—Barry B. Hall.

—BR—

A Symbol

In China, Dr. Beddoe discovered by the side of the road the body of a little boy. He had died as he tried in vain to pull a blade of grass to eat. That little dead boy by the road in China is a symbol of the suffering of children. He did not start the war. He did not hate anybody. He only wanted to live, and play, and be as our little boys are.

Do you care that children have to suffer like that in this very time? If you don't care, it is a symbol. If you care, it is a symbol of the fact that you know the One who loved all little children—and you wish to be like Him.

In Mississippi Baptist churches, there are some symbols. What symbol have you provided?

The little dead boy, starved at the roadside, is a symbol. How you feel about him is also symbolic.

—BR—

What Is Your Major

"What are you majoring in?" is a question that is being frequently asked on college campuses today. It is interesting to listen to the various answers to this question. One student will say history, another science and others different subjects.

It is fine for students to be specializing in subjects that will be most helpful to them in the future. And too, it will be more beneficial if students will major in some habits such as kindness, consideration for others, faithfulness, and dependability. When the diploma is given at graduation a student will find that positions will be easier to find and favors more freely granted to him if he has specialized in the above subjects too.

I believe that Paul would say to you, "Finally, students, whatso-

ever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

—BR—

Baptist Church Has Built New School Building

The Lakeview Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas, has built a four-room school building that will accommodate pupils, and opened September 3, 1946, with 77 pupils, grades one to six inclusive. The school meets every requirement of the State Board of Education.

The school building and all its furnishings are financed by the Lakeview Baptist Church. The same textbooks as taught in the public schools are furnished free to the children by the church. The teachers are employed by the Church. A nominal tuition of one dollar per week per pupil is charged. This tuition meets about 20 percent of the expenses of the school.

In addition to the regular public school curriculum Bible lessons are taught by consecrated teachers every day in every grade of the school. This is the outstanding feature of our school. These teachers have free and unshackled privileges to teach the Bible and its truths as Baptists believe, and this is an important part of the curriculum.

"Pastor Grover Lee has the following to say: Our Lakeview Baptist School is a venture, but it is a glorious venture. We can unhesitatingly commend it to our sister churches. The day school and all our regular church services are now combined to the one end and purpose to teach children the way of life more perfectly. The church has a membership of just under 500 all ordinary people, working for a living.

"Baptist schools established like this would open a channel for hundreds of our altruistic young men and women to enter into Christian educational work in a definite way. Many of our Christian young men and women coming into the prime of usefulness are hungering for such an avenue of service. They will not enter the system of public school education because that system offers them no opportunity to express their religious convictions and beliefs for the glory of Christ. Local churches opening such schools will open the way for them to enter the field of service for the Master."

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GRENADA TO ENTERTAIN MISSISSIPPI W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Mississippi will hold a state convention October 22, 23 at Grenada, according to Miss Susie V. Powell of Jackson. The Grenada Baptist church will be the scene of the convention upon invitation of the local leaders and pastor G. E. Wiley. Registration will begin Tuesday morning, October 22 at 9 o'clock. Christian people in general are being invited to attend, as well as members of the WCTU. Mrs. M. H. Dally of Jackson is secretary, Mrs. R. A. Clanton of Grenada is the local president.

GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

JASPER COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Jasper County Association met with Louin church on the night of September 17 and the day of September 18. We attended the night session and were given a good place on the program.

The sermon was preached by Rev. M. C. Therrell. It was though-provoking and many expressions of appreciation were heard concerning the sermon.

Officers elected were D. F. Boggan, moderator; Rev. S. E. Sumrall, vice-moderator and Mrs. W. J. Shoemaker, clerk and treasurer.

The list of Baptist Record readers in Jasper county is growing. Our records now show the following Record reader groups: New Fellowship 30, BAY Springs 84, CORINTH 22, DECATUR 16, EDEN 37, FELLOWSHIP 28, HEIDELBERG 55, LOUIN 77, MONTROSE 68, MOSSVILLE 20, PINE GROVE 22, Stringer 14, Shady Grove 28.

ZION ASSOCIATION

Philadelphia church, Rev. J. W. Hicks, pastor, did an excellent job of entertaining the Zion Association. Being on a diet we only had two helpings of country ham. The house was crowded at both morning and afternoon sessions.

Rev. J. R. Reedy, Eupora pastor, was re-elected moderator as was Mrs. N. S. Ellis as clerk and treasurer.

The Baptist Record report was given a good place on the program, immediately before the sermon. Quite a number of contacts were made during the noon hour and several EVERY FAMILY lists will probably be forthcoming in the near future.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Hicks. It was scriptural and sound. Many people expressed their appreciation of it.

Record readers in Webster county are now listed as follows: Mt. Vernon 13, Edgeworth 2, Bluff Springs 6, CROSS ROADS 28, DOUBLE SPRINGS 18, EUPORA 86, Fellowship 5, Harmony 9, MANTEE 38, MATHISTON 57, Mt. Zion 2, NEW HOPE 31, Pilgrim's Rest 2, SABOUGLA 34, Walthall 1, Tomnolen 1, Sapa 9, Shady Grove 19, Monte Vista 4, Lollar's Grove 6, REEDY CHAPEL 15, Bradford Chapel 2, HOHENLINDEN 13, Mt. Vernon 13.

YALOBUSHA COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Yalobush County Association met with Pine Grove church in the southeastern section of the county. Both attendance and interest was good. Officers elected were: Moderator, Kermit Cofer; vice-moderator, Rev. A. H. Childress; Clerk T. T. Gooch; treasurer, L. P. Clements.

Dr. F. M. Purser, pastor of the First church, Oxford, represented the Convention Board.

The letters show 127 Baptisms, \$3,110 for the Cooperative program; \$6,535 for all mission causes; \$16,334 for home expenses.

Steps were taken toward cooperating with Panola County Association in the employment of a county missionary for the two associations.

The 1947 session will meet with the Tillatobia church.

Yalobusha County Record readers are listed as follows: Big Springs 1,

Calhoun County Church Clerks Organize

By Rev. R. B. Patterson, Bruce, Miss.

Church clerks from a number of Calhoun County churches met at the Pittsboro Church on the afternoon of September 7. Moderator of the Association, Bradford Murphree, presided over the meeting. Ed Dye, clerk of the Association discussed the forms of the Associational letter.

Another feature on the program was a discussion of good records in church and associational matters by Associational missionary, R. B. Patterson.

At the close of the program the body voted to organize themselves into an association of Baptist Church Clerks, auxiliary to the Calhoun County Baptist Association. Officers elected were as follows: President, Bradford Murphree; vice-president, Mrs. Doyle Turner; secretary-treasurer, Ed Dye. The purpose of the organization is to promote and encourage better church records and more efficient methods for their preservation, to foster better and more complete associational records and the publication of better an-

COFFEEVILLE 52, NEW HOPE 40, Oak Grove 1, OAKLAND 15, Pilgrim's Rest 7, SCOBAY 8, Sylvarena 6, Tillatobia 7, Water Valley 8, Wayside 1, SPRING HILL 25, CAMP GROUND 39, Pine Grove 3, DIVIDING RIDGE 27, OTUCKOLOFA 22, Elam 1.

STRAYHORN, TATE COUNTY, IS NUMBER 826

A recent addition to the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Churches is Strayhorn, Tate County. Rev. H. B. Vinson is pastor.

Having tried the EVERY FAMILY Plan at other churches, Pastor Vinson knew its value for Strayhorn.

Record readers in Tate County are now listed as follows: SARAH 16, Arkabutla 1, CENTRAL (COLDWATER) 60, MT. ZION 78, SENATOBIA 115, WYATT 12, Tyro 6, Bethel 1, MT. MANNA 31, EVANSVILLE 35, Ebenezer 10, New Hope 1, STRAYHORN 15.

GRACE, WARREN COUNTY, IS NUMBER 825

Homer Roberson and the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record are almost synonymous. Wherever he goes, so does the Record. Recently an EVERY FAMILY list from Grace Church, Warren County, came in.

Pastor Roberson serves Grace Church in connection with his full-time pastorate at Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg.

Baptist Record readers in Warren County are now listed as follows: GRACE 15, BOWMAR AVENUE, 105, CALVARY 20, Vicksburg First 25, Yokena 10, ANTIOCH 30.

SPRING HILL CHURCH, CHOCTAW COUNTY, SENDS LIST

Spring Hill Church, Choctaw County, was of real help in the Baptist Record effort to pass the 54,000 mark in circulation.

Miss Willie Fondren, clerk, sent eight names with the assurance of others in order to become a part of the EVERY FAMILY group.

Choctaw County now has Record readers listed as follows: ACKERMAN 78, Antioch 1, BETHANY 14, Beulah 7, Blythe 1, Chester 1, Covenant 5, Fellowship 1, MT. MORIAH 32, New ion 1, MT. PISGAH 22, Providence 5, WEIR 51, SPRING HILL 12, Gum Branch 1, Concord 2, Bethlehem

MOSELLE NEW CHURCH



MOSELLE OLD CHURCH



MOSELLE CHURCH GOES FORWARD

The two structures pictured above show the progress of the Moselle Memorial Church. The past year has been one of the most fruitful in the history of the church.

The old building was converted from a one-story arrangement into an auditorium with a seating capacity of 250 and an additional 14 room educational plant, a pastor's study and baptistry.

To date \$9,500 has been paid for the building and the balance unpaid is \$3,400. The building will be dedicated upon payment of the balance. This new building is a memorial to those who served in the recent world conflict.

Dr. B. B. Hilbun of Second Avenue, Laurel, preached in the recent revival. Preceding the revival a Vacation Bible School, in which 74 attended regularly, was held. Miss Bessie Purvis of the W.M.U. Department taught a two-day study course for the ladies and the pastor, Rev. E. M. Keebler, taught the officers and teachers of the Sunday School.

During the 18 months pastorate there have been 73 additions. The Rev. Keebler begins his second year at New Orleans Seminary this fall and Mrs. Keebler begins her first year's work. Both are graduates of Mississippi Southern.

ROBERT IRWIN SMITH

On May 29, 1946 Robert Irwin Smith, youngest son of the late William P. and Louisiana Perkins Smith passed away. Having been in ill health for three years he was confined to his bed for the last four weeks of his life. Mr. Smith was born June 17, 1875, was married on February 8, 1906 to Kate A. Brame of Teddy La. Four children were born to this union: W. O. Frank B. Smith of Hulan, Texas, Mrs. L. Y. Kaigler of Woodville, Homer L. and Betty Joe of Centreville. Survivors include his widow, his children, a brother Lewis P. Smith of Magnolia and a host of friends, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor Rev. H. J. McCool at Centreville Baptist Church. Assisting in the services were the Rev. Kirkland of Clinton and Raymond L. Cowart of Baton Rouge, a ministerial student, also pastor of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Interment was in Oaklawn Cemetery.—A Neighbor.

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There were six additions at Hazlehurst on Sunday, September 29. There have been 94 additions for the church year.

nual minutes of the Association.

The following church Clerks were present in this initial meeting:

W. C. Johnson, Antioch; Mrs. Dyle Turner, Calvary; J. D. Sturdivant, Duncan Hill; A. P. Colley, Ellard; H. R. Russell, Gaston Springs; C. L. Parker, Macedonia; E. A. Dye, Meridian; J. C. Edmondson, Midway; Sim Hubbard, Mt. Tabor; Mrs. J. V. Hollis, New Liberty; J. V. Gable, New Providence; Mrs. J. W. Lowery, Oak Grove; Ed. Collums, Pilgrim's Rest; Bradford Murphree, Pittsboro; Pete Pulliam, Big Creek, and Rev. Jesse Dorroh, Pittsboro (Pastor).

Also present: Rev. R. B. Patterson, Associational Missionary, Van Hollis, Mrs. J. D. Sturdivant, Mrs. Pete Pulliam, and Mrs. A. E. Dye.

The Executive Committee, composed of the officers, was instructed to meet and set the time for the next meeting and to bring in a set of aims and objectives for the new organization.

7, HOPEWELL 15, New Cross Road 1, Fentress 1, Crepe Creek 7, CLEAR SPRINGS 16.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

Institute Attendance Good

A series of 14 meetings has been held in various sections of the state, for the study of plans for the year. There were 2,061 in attendance from 290 churches. There was representation from 63 of the 66 associations—all of the District Chairmen and District Young People leaders were present. There were 47 associational superintendents present and 28 associational young people's leaders.

Missionary messages were brought by Miss Hannah Plowden, Hawaii in nine of the meetings and by Miss Beatrice Glass from Argentina in the other meetings. Emphasis was given to Relief and Rehabilitation and \$1,145 was given for this cause.

The new record and report books were introduced and most favorably received. We feel these meetings will prove a great help in the work of this new year before us.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR THE INSTITUTES

DISTRICT I		
	No. Churches	Present Rep'd.
Copiah	15	2
Hinds-Warren	136	15
Holmes	14	4
Madison	7	2
Rankin	17	6
Simpson	9	1
Yazoo	19	3
	217	33

DISTRICT II		
Bolivar	40	8
Deer Creek	43	6
Leflore	80	6
Sunflower	39	6
Tunica-Coahoma	41	6
	243	32

DISTRICT III		
Calhoun	93	4
Carroll	5	3
DeSoto	20	4
Grenada	20	2
Lafayette	20	3
Marshall	9	1
Montgomery	10	1
Panola	57	7
Tate	12	3
Tallahatchie	14	3
Yalobusha		
	260	31

DISTRICT IV		
Alcorn	43	6
Chickasaw	6	1
Lee	66	8
Monroe	18	5
Pontotoc	46	3
Prenatiss	26	3
Rippah	16	3
Rishomingo		
Union	18	3
	233	29

DISTRICT V		
Choctaw	18	2
Clay	26	2
Attala	34	3
Lowndes	18	3
Noxubee	9	2
Oktibbeha	20	5
Winston	24	4
Zion	19	2
	157	23

DISTRICT VI		
Clarke	38	7
Jasper	59	8
Kemper		
Lauderdale	80	7
Leake	27	3
Newton	58	4
Neshoba	53	5
Scott	5	1
Smith	19	3
	239	62

DISTRICT VII		
Covington	16	3
Greene	11	3
George	25	4
Gulf Coast	47	7
Jackson	100	10
Jones	28	5
Lebanon	40	8
Pearl River	85	14
Perry	12	3
Wayne	25	5
	389	62

DISTRICT VIII		
Franklin	29	5
Jefferson Davis	26	4
Lawrence	56	6
Lincoln	22	5
Marion	36	6
Mississippi	13	3
Pike	31	7
Union	12	3
Walthall	8	1
	233	40

MESSAGE FROM A MISSIONARY (Miss Baldwin Was Formerly Student Secretary at Woman's College, Baptist Training College, Abeokuta, Nigeria.)

Dear Friends:

I am very happy and excited. We are, as I've written you before, very crowded in our one and only building here. The girls have no proper place for their chapel service, no place to put their trunks (boxes, as they call them), and in fact, in the case of six, no place to "put their heads." We solved that problem, temporarily, by using a small storeroom for two girls and a small missionary storeroom for four other girls. They have made most attractive bedrooms for themselves out of these small rooms. But next year, we are planning to add another year to our teacher training course so that our girls may receive a Higher Elementary Certificate. Then, too, a new class will be ready to enter the Normal Department. All of us realized that something must be done. The girls prayed earnestly that we might be guided. When I returned from the mission meeting, they eagerly awaited the answer. It was even better than we had dared hope. We were granted ten thousand dollars to use in building a proper dormitory for the girls in the Baptist Training College, (the present building will be used for classrooms, chapel, library, etc.) and a new missionary to work with me. Our joy knew no bounds. Even before I unpacked my bag which I had taken to the mission meeting with me, we rearranged my furniture in the small apartment at the Normal Department, and prepared the room for "our very own" new missionary, Miss Wooten. Her room is ready and waiting for her, and the Normal girls and I are ready

DOROTHY PAGE

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Christ", and she heard things she had never dreamed of before. Wild questionings set her heart aflame and there was no rest for her that night. Her soul's destiny was a subject to which she had never given serious reflection.

She felt that the man whose sermon had thrown her into this dark confusion was the only one who might give her light. She sought him out. A father in Israel he was—Rev. Dr. Moreland, one of the most eminent ministers in that city. He saw that as a little child she was eagerly groping in the dark, and with the Bible as a lamp he led her step by step into the light. She saw herself in God's sight as a sinner, guilty and condemned, and how helpless and hopeless to her seemed her condition.

The story of the Gospel sounded to her like music from Heaven. The love of Christ for sinners melted her heart and she yielded herself in childlike trust to him. In her own room at night the surrender was made and it was complete.

"Son, I could easily tell that Dorothy is coming tomorrow," said Mrs. Sterling.

"How do you know, mother?"

"By your face. You would have passed for an undertaker during the past three weeks, and I have tried by every art, but in vain, to chase away your funereal countenance."

Sterling broke into a hearty laugh. "Mother, your imagination is out on a frolic. You will have to put a bridle on it."

Mrs. Sterling was right. Gilbert had learned that Dorothy would arrive on the morrow.

Dorothy had written her parents about her new-found joy, but they understood it not. They thought that it was some girlish emotion that her home life would quickly dissipate.

The news of her conversion came to Sterling as a burst of sunlight. In speaking of it to his mother he said:

"Of one thing I am sure, and that is that she will make a glorious Christian. What a light she will be in her home. And, mother, how fine to have her in my church!"

Dorothy had shortened her visit that she might hurry home and tell her loved ones of the change in her life. She could not explain the change,

to welcome her with open arms. As soon as she arrives, she and I will begin making plans for our very own mission house near the Baptist Training College, for the money has already been granted for that purpose. Truly, we have much for which to give thanks a proper dormitory for the girls, a new missionary, and money for our very own mission house. Surely, God has been good to us.

Our work is going on very well indeed. Just now, our girls are preparing for their government examinations. All of us, too, are looking forward to our revival soon to be held here in the school, and to our G. A. coronation. Rev. Ayorinde is to lead our revival, and Mrs. Ayorinde will crown our queens at the coronation service. In addition to our twenty queens, we have eighteen queens with scepter, five queens regent, ten princesses, and twenty-eight ladies-in-waiting. All of these will have a part on the program.

Your missionary,
WILLIE KATE BALDWIN.

but she knew that for her old things had passed away and all things had become new.

She was anxious to tell her parents the simple story of Christ's love and sacrifice for sinners. She recited it almost immediately after her return, but their eyes seemed holden that they could not see. Possibly they did not want to see. At any rate, Dorothy received her first biting disappointment in the reception that her parents gave to her report about her new-found Savior.

With Mr. Sterling it was different, and in him she found a sympathetic listener to her story. Not that she impulsively bared her secrets to him; he was eager to know it all, and his keen interest in contrast to the utter lack of responsiveness on the part of the parents encouraged her to confide in him, and to Dorothy, with her new and trembling faith, Sterling was a friend in need.

A week had passed after her return, and one afternoon Sterling said to her at the close of a tennis game that her coming into his church would make their membership exactly 300.

"Mr. Sterling," she replied, "I am anxious to talk with your pastor, Dr. Vincent, about which church I ought to join."

Her words smote him. The possibility of her uniting with any other church than his own had not occurred to him, and the bare thought of it put a load on his heart. He asked her what she meant by her remark regarding Dr. Vincent.

"Dear old Dr. Moreland," she said, "whose church I attended in Chicago, and who so kindly led me into the light, told me that I must study my New Testament and let that guide me. I have carefully read it through twice, and I cannot see that it has helped me at all to decide about my church membership. I really do not know what he meant."

Sterling was relieved and the load rolled off his heart, for he felt sure that with her New Testament as her guide she would turn her steps toward the Presbyterian church.

By this time they had reached the front porch, where the rest of the family were seated, and when Dorothy made her last remark the brother, who was sitting nearby heard and said:

"What's the need, sister, of your joining any church? You don't think the church will take you to Heaven, do you?"

"Hold on, son," spoke up the father, "I am not an expert on religious matters, but it is a plain proposition to me that if Dorothy has accepted Christianity and become a Christian, the place for her is the church."

"But what good will it do, father?"

"I believe in a person being one thing or the other," said Mr. Page. "If you are not a Christian, then of course keep out of the church; if you claim to be a soldier, then march up and put on the uniform and join the army."

"Oh, I never thought of not joining a church," said Dorothy.

"But I still hang to my point," said the brother. "Why does Dorothy have to join the church? Do you think, sister, joining the church will save you?"

"What a question, brother! Of course not. I hope I am saved already. I have faith in Christ and I am looking to him for my salvation."

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Yes, The Co-operative Program Is Scriptural

By C. B. Williams
(Continued from last week)
Scriptural in its Agencies Used

Our Co-operative Program is carried on by six principal agencies: Churches, pastors, associations or conventions, boards or standing committees, secretaries, and missionaries.

I. CHURCHES. There are about 24,500 Baptist churches in the South, the most of which are in some sense serving through the Co-operative Program. Just as we have these churches through which our evangelistic, missionary, educational, healing, and charity work is being carried on; so in the New Testament times it was through the churches at Jerusalem, Antioch, in Galatia, Macedonia (Philippi, Thessalonica), Corinth, Ephesus, Rome, and others, that the program of Christ was carried out in the first century (Acts 8:4, 5, 14, 26; 9:32; 11:19-21; 13:1-4; Rom. 15:28; I Cor. 16:1 (churches of Galatia); II Cor. 8:1, 2; Gal. 1:2; Eph. 2:21; 1 and 2 Thess. 1:1; Rev. 2 and 3).

Churches found the plan of co-operation in the Scriptures and adopted it for their local use. Messengers from these churches made up the state associations that adopted the co-operative plan of working together. It is false to claim that the program was handed down to the churches by secretaries; churches through their messengers handed it to the secretaries!

II. PASTORS OR BISHOPS OR SHEPHERDS. Christian history tells us that James, half brother of Jesus, became pastor of the church in Jerusalem just before the middle of the first century. Paul tells us how pastors were elected (by raising the hand cheirotoneo), in the churches planted by him and Barnabas on the first missionary tour (Acts 14:23). He also tells Titus (Titus 1:5-9) and Timothy (I Tim. 3:1-7) that the churches of Crete and Asia must be manned by pure, consecrated, and competent pastors or bishops. He knew that the pastors, then as now, are the key men, to lead the churches so that Christ's program may be put over.

III. ASSOCIATIONS OR CONVENTIONS. The smaller bodies of messengers from churches are called associations. The term "convention," except in Kentucky, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri and Virginia, applies to the state bodies, and also to the body of messengers from the whole southland (including Southern Illinois). Is there a scriptural warrant for such bodies? The first association or convention was held in Jerusalem in New Testament times. It was the convention (gathering of messengers) to settle the problem of circumcision and determine how the missionary program among Jews and Gentiles was to be carried out. Paul, Barnabas, and Titus were messengers from the church at Antioch. "I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also with me" (Gal. 2:1). James, pastor of the church, Peter, and John were the messengers representing the church at Jerusalem (Gal. 2:9). Only two churches had messengers at this convention; but 200 years ago many of our Baptist associations and conventions had only a very few churches represented in them.

IV. BOARDS, OR STANDING COMMITTEES. The Co-operative Program is carried on through standing committees, sometimes called boards. Is it scriptural to have these boards or standing committees to administer the finances of our colossal missionary, educational, and eleemosynary program? Yes, we can find the first rudimentary board, or finance committee, right here in our New Testament. In 2 Cor. 8:16 we find "Titus" as the first member (chairman) of this New Testament board. In 2 Cor. 8:18, 19, the second member of it is "the brother whose praise in the gospel is spread through all the churches; and not only so, but who was also appointed by the churches to travel with us in the matter of this grace" (the vast fund being collected from all the churches for suffering Christians in Judea and to cement the Jewish and Gentile wings of Christianity), "which is ministered by us to the glory of the Lord." Here is mentioned the third member of the financial board: "Our brother, whom we have many times proved earnest in many things" (2 Cor. 8:22). In the next verse (23) he calls these three members of this committee "the messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ." Verses 20 and 21 give us Paul's motive for thus handling the Lord's "bounty" or fund, "avoiding this, that any man should blame us regarding this bounty. . . . for we take thought for things honorable." The great Apostle thought this method of handling large sums of money for the kingdom was the safest and most "honorable." Is it not so today? By and far it has proved to be so.

V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES. In New Testament times we find the Twelve and later Barnabas and Paul also called apostles (Acts 14:14). But the apostolic age closed with the first century. In the New Testament, Peter is the Secretary for missions among the Jews while Paul held the same position for missions among the Gentiles. "James and Cephas (Peter) and John. . . gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship, that we should go unto the Gentiles, and they unto the circumcision (Jews)" (Gal. 2:9). This was the agreement made at the first great Association or Convention, held at Jerusalem. Paul and Barnabas were to direct the mission work among the nations, Peter and John, among the Jews.

After Peter's death John succeeded him, and after Paul's death Timothy became secretary, or superintendent of missions, in Ephesus, directing the program for the state of Asia. After Timothy's death John assumed the leadership in Asia. He was so strong a defender of the true gospel that he was banished by the Imperial Government of Rome to the island of Patmos (Rev. 1:9). John was the secretary, or promoter, of the Christian mission program; he was the magnetic leader and so was exiled.

VI. MISSIONARIES. The Co-operative Program works through missionaries in the state and out to the nations. We have hundreds in our state fields, scores for the Home Board among the Indians, Jews, Mexicans, and other

Young Minister Ordained

On Sunday afternoon, September 1, 1946, Frank Raines was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, with Rev. Winfred Moore, pastor of that church preaching the ordination sermon. E. L. Maxcy, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, presented Rev. Raines with a Bible from the church.

On Saturday night prior to this service, the candidate met with the examining council composed of the ministers and deacons, and answered to their complete satisfaction all questions concerning his Christian experience and beliefs. The examining council was composed of: Rev. O. H. Richardson, Shannon; Rev. Roy M. Lewis, Shannon; Rev. E. C. Edwards, Baldwin; Rev. Johnny Laney, Booneville, and Rev. Winfred Moore; Deacons E. L. Maxcy, A. W. Price, Jack Duke, H. R. Carter and F. G. Graham. Rev. Raines will be graduated this year from Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama.

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CARTHAGE: The W.M.S. now becomes the W.M.U. with the organization of a Y.W.A. There are six circles, including a B.W.C. in the complete organization. Mrs. L. B. Barnes, Jr., is the newly elected president. With our state Brotherhood secretary, Brother Street, in attendance, the men of the church have organized a Brotherhood. The officers of this group are: S. C. Ellis, president; H. S. Mason, membership vice-president; O. H. Barnett, program vice-president; Paul Lee, ac-

secretary-treasurer. foreigners in the homeland, and hundreds on the foreign fields in China, Japan, Italy, Palestine, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Africa, etc. Is this scriptural? See Luke 10:1-3; Acts 1:8; 8:1-40; Matt. 28:19, 20; Acts 13:28. Especially see Acts 13:3. "Then, when they (certain leaders in Antioch, not the whole church) had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they (the leaders) sent them away." But notice, these leaders were led by the Holy Spirit who said to them (verse 2), "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." In this case the prophets and teachers sent forth the two apostles, Barnabas and Paul.

Scriptural in its Principles of Administration

I. NO HUMAN MAGNATES or dictators to manage it. In 3 John we see Diotrephes "who loveth the preeminence among them, . . . prating against us with wicked words." Men like him were "prating against" John who was humbly leading as superintendent of the mission work in Asia (state). Diotrephes was against the missionaries sent out by John (verse 10).

II. LEADERS (Secretaries) led by the Holy Spirit and chosen by the churches administer the affairs of the Co-operative Program. Peter and John were the superintendents of the work among the Jews; Paul and Barnabas, of the work among the Gentiles (Gal. 2:9). Notice—this arrangement was decided on under the leadership of the Holy Spirit at that first convention held in Jerusalem. Just like it is our method today!

III. FRATERNAL CO-OPERATION among the churches and workers is the basic principle of operation. This is the New Testament principle. That was the principle decided on at that first New Testament convention. "James and Cephas and John . . . gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship, that we should go unto the Gentiles, and they unto the circumcision. (Jews)" (Gal. 2:9). These leaders, led by the Spirit, co-operated in the spirit of fraternal fellowship. So do our churches, pastors, missionaries, secretaries. "For we are God's fellow-workers" (Amer. Rev. best trans.) (I Cor. 3:9).

IV. SYSTEMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS from the churches to support the program. The Co-operative Program seeks through the every-member canvass each year, led by the churches and pastors, to provide the funds for promoting evangelism, missions, schools, orphanages, and hospitals. Is this scriptural? "Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house, . . . and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10). "Upon the first day of the week (our Sunday) let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come" (I Cor. 16:2).

CONCLUSION: Now, fellow-Baptists everywhere in the Southland, in country and hamlet, in town and city; since this Co-operative Program is scriptural in its objectives, agencies, and principles of administration; ought we not, one and all, to back it with our prayers and money? Everything we are commanded by our Lord to do is included in this plan of working together. It distributes to each cause or agency according to its importance and its relative needs. It gives every Baptist and every church a chance to have some part every month in the whole program of our Master. Safe, sane, scriptural and economical, it has already brought greater good to our Baptist cause than any other plan ever used. Surely we should work together through it!

California Praises Young Mississippian

In a letter to the Baptist Record, leaders in California have the following to say:

"Mississippi Baptists, for John Holston. Thank you for sending such a fine young man to the Golden State California, to help us in Mission Vacation Bible School work last summer. He did a marvelous piece of work. He has a skillful knowledge of Vacation Bible School work and a splendid technique in leading boys and girls. We consider ourselves most fortunate in having this young man in the Sunday School Department this summer.

"He rapidly won the hearts of pastors and people alike. His consecration and sincerity were inspiring. His knowledge of the Word and doctrinal integrity were compliments to the schools that trained him, Mississippi College and B. B. I. His work greatly strengthened the small churches and mission points where he was assigned. Many souls were won to Christ under his ministry.

"We need fine young preachers in California like John Holston. We need the enthusiasm, the zeal, the energy, the conscientiousness. We need trained, self-sacrificing preachers who do not mind hard work, rebuffs, criticism, even persecution to help us win this great state for Christ."

Activities vice-president; Elmer Barr, secretary-treasurer.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

W. E. ROBERTS, Associate

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

September Standards

These units became standard during September:

Schools: Senatobia, Dr. H. L. Martin, pastor, F. A. Smith, superintendent.

Departments: Cradle Roll, Ellisville, Mrs. J. K. Dossett, superintendent; Beginner, New Albany, Mrs. W. L. Heard; Junior, Mendenhall, Mrs. M. J. Lee.

Classes: 12-Year Girls, Daniel, Junior, Mrs. D. E. Alliston, teacher; Gem, Intermediate, Philadelphia, Mrs. Gully Yates; Young Christian Soldiers, Intermediate, Louisville, Earl J. Webb; Aviators, Intermediate, Louisville, Wm. P. Johnson; Joyful Servants, Intermediate, McComb First, Mrs. C. C. Wilson; Berean, Adult Aberdeen, Mrs. W. E. Hunter.

We are very grateful to these leaders for the good work in bringing their units up to standard recognition. Others should do the same.

New Schools Continue

Mrs. D. B. Logan, Vaiden, Rt. 3, writes us of the organization of a Sunday school in her church in Carroll county.

The literature has been secured and the work has begun in a fine way. Every new school offers regular Bible study to the people of that church and community. Every church should have a school, and there should be a great number of mission schools over the state in strategic places. We shall gladly send free leaflets on officers' duties on request to any new or old schools. This is a good way to help them to know better what to do.

WE ARE GRATEFUL

During the week of September 16-20 we held our first statewide Better Bible Teaching Clinic, in Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. We had a great faculty of Southwide and state workers that was equal to the best. There were morning and evening sessions of each day, Monday through Friday.

We enrolled more than 500, coming from 66 churches and 28 associations. The people came, studied, prayed, planned, and went away determined to be better teachers of the Word, and to strive to help others in their churches and associations to be better workers also.

We are indeed grateful to each and every one who so nobly aided in that great week's work. Every one tried to make a good contribution to the overall spirit and purpose of the meetings. Calvary Church made a great host church for us, and we thank them all for their fine help in so many ways.

Many grateful expressions came to us, of which these are typical:

"I felt that I would like to personally express my deepest appreciation for the Better Bible Teaching Clinic. I don't know that I have ever attended any program of Sunday school work that was more helpful or inspiring. Several of our teachers were able to attend some and have certainly expressed themselves as to how much good they received."

"I want to express my appreciation for the week I spent in Jackson studying to be a better teacher. I have

been teaching about 15 years and this is the first study course I have taken where I have been told how to teach. It was a wonderful week. I do hope I will be able to help the other teachers in our church to be better teachers. I have tried to pick out the outstanding member of the faculty but I can't do it. They were all fine and I am so thankful I had the opportunity to study and learn some needful things under their instruction."

We are indeed grateful for these, and many similar expressions about the blessings and benefits of the clinic. We do sincerely trust it will bear much fruit in the days to come in Better Bible teaching.

State Mission Day

Sunday, October 27, is State Mission Day in our Sunday schools. That is true the last Sunday of October of each year.

The Sunday School Board has mailed to each general superintendent in the state a special program for that day. It is to be given in each school in whatever way the leaders feel will be best for that school.

The purpose of State Mission Day in our Sunday schools is twofold: To teach, inform and educate us as to the place, purpose, plan and program of State Missions, and then to make a financial offering for State Missions. Each of these is very important. We must keep ourselves informed as to the work, so we can more intelligently give and do, and then we must have a worthy financial program to keep the work at home going in the greatest way.

Some one has likened State Missions to the seed corn of the farmer. If there is a crop of corn to gather later, there must be the seed corn to plant that will later yield a much larger amount. So, too, if the work of Baptists prospers in Home and Foreign mission fields, it will be due in large measure to the State Mission work done at home. The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest at home.

October 27, State Mission Day in our Sunday schools can help greatly in making our work right here in Mississippi go forward in a great way. We urge each school, through the pastor, general superintendent and department leaders to set goals by classes, departments, and then the whole school as to the amount each will give and then work hard to making these goals a reality on October 27.

Christ's work is great everywhere; let us make it even greater in Mississippi, and even beyond, by making a worthy offering to this great cause on State Mission Day, October 27. Start now to make plans for it. Do it by classes, departments, and then sum it all up in the entire school.

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Rev. James B. Parker, formerly pastor at Ripley, and now member of the Convention Board staff, will supply at Ripley on October 13.

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Smith are welcoming a daughter, Cheri Jean, born October 5. The father is pastor at DeKalb.

TO LAYMEN

One thing the Ministers' Retirement Plan does not do—it offers no permanent benefit to the wife of a pastor participant who dies before reaching 65 years. She will get his accumulated contributions back and with interest but that is only a temporary benefit—it IS that!

Brethren have asked for protection for their wives who might become widows! Such a plan has been devised, "The Widows' Supplemental Plan!" Christian men will see to it that the pastor's wife has the opportunity of this protection! Women of W. M. U. will see to the same thing. It will add to the peace of mind of the pastor to know that his family is secure against poverty, want, hunger!

All members of the Ministers' Retirement Plan are eligible for participation in the Widows' Supplemental Plan—by filling out application blanks, sending them in accompanied by contributions for one or more months. The pastor pays an amount equal to one and one half per cent of his salary and the Convention Board pays the same. The plan starts as of January 1, 1947. We must have as members at least two thirds of the members of the Ministers' Retirement Plan for the plan to become effective! For that reason you should fill out your application NOW, send them in to D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, that we may know where we are in the matter and that others may be encouraged. Payment of dues for at least one month should accompany the application.

A Sorely Misinterpreted Scripture

By Dr. P. I. Lipsey

One of the sins of religious teachers is careless interpretation of scripture passages. Just to mention one among many, here is a sample taken from the thirteenth chapter of Luke.

While Jesus was teaching the people someone burst in with the news of a tragedy which had just occurred apparently at Jerusalem. Some Galileans had been killed while they were offering their sacrifices. The blood of the sacrifices and that of the worshipers was mingled there at the altar. It was a common thing for people to attribute such a calamity to the greater sinfulness of those who suffered. The fact that people do often suffer for their sins, while still in this world, is not only a matter of common belief, supported by the facts of experience and observation; but is a truth taught by the scriptures themselves. Witness such statements as "Your sins will find you out," "Prepare to meet thy God," which refers to punishment in this world. See Amos 4:12 and verses before and after. All the Old Testament law and the prophets confirm this.

Jesus did not say that these men were not sinners. He simply warned against pronouncing them "sinners above all the Galileans". And the same about "those eighteen on whom the tower of Siloam fell". Jesus does not pass upon the question as to whether they were sinners, or whether their sins were the cause of their death. What he does say is that they were not worse than many others. And the fact of their death should awaken serious thought and inquiry in the minds of these people who were listening to Him and had been so shocked by the news of these tragic deaths.

The lesson for them is that they should themselves take warning: "Except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish". This he says twice to emphasize and enforce the truth. To miss this is to miss the whole lesson which the incident and the Lord Jesus meant to teach.

Jesus said the people of Capernaum should learn from the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. And if they would not, it would be worse for them in the judgment than for those wicked cities.

The destruction of San Francisco by earthquake, ought not to be lost on the rest of us. The fate of Hiroshima should be a warning to us. The calamities that have befallen European countries could easily come to us. God

does not visit immediate punishment upon all sinners; but he does visit wrath upon some that the rest of us may learn before it is everlastingly too late.

"Behold the goodness and the severity of God; toward them that fell, severity; but toward thee, God's goodness, if thou continue in his goodness. 'Be not high-minded, but fear'". Romans 11:21-22.

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Ministers Obtain Severe Anti-Gambling Ordinances

MACON, Ga., (RNS)—The city council here passed stringent anti-gambling ordinances following a demand by the Macon Ministerial Association that the council follow up revelations made before a grand jury of widespread organized gambling. The new laws even forbid the public posting of baseball scores.

The Ministerial Association was represented at council hearings by a delegation led by Dr. C. A. Denny, of First Christian church. The group presented the Association's demands in the form of a petition, and after sharp discussion the council passed the ordinances.

Opponents of the measures termed them "too sweeping," and said posting of baseball scores was no more gambling than the printing of stock exchange quotations.

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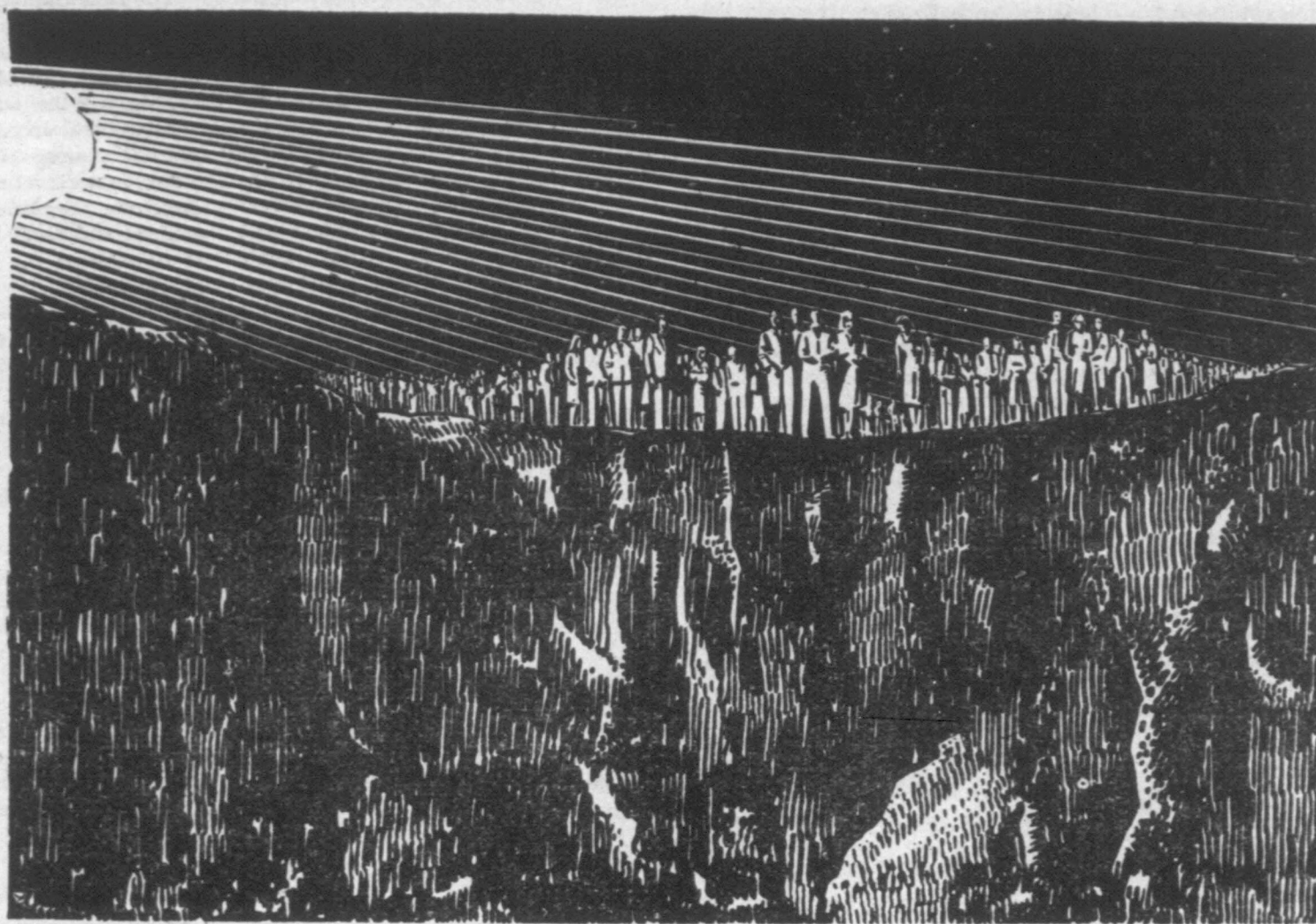
Churches Back Man Refusing To Work For Gambling Pool

BELFAST, (By Wireless to RNS)—Protestant churches in Northern Ireland may intervene on behalf of an unemployed man in Belfast who has been threatened with loss of unemployment insurance benefits because he refuses on conscientious grounds to work for a football pool. The case is the first of its kind on record here.

According to an official of the Belfast Labor Exchange, an official umpire must decide whether another job will be offered the man or whether he must work for the football pool or lose unemployment benefits. Churches are expected to organize a formal protest to the government if the umpire rules against the worker.

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Mrs. Madge McCullough of Shiloh Church, Chicasaw County, recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions which greatly aided the Baptist Record in getting over the 54,000 mark.



A World Facing Chaos!

"WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS!"

The most terrible of all wars is recent history, yet the rumors of more devastating wars to come cannot be put down.

The peoples of the world stand today at the brink of a chasm of Fear and Desolation. One step more and the whole Human Race may be plunged into eternal darkness.

HAS GOD DESERTED MAN?

Emphatically NOT. Man has deserted God!

We must now turn about and face the light — the light of God's Word, the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

We have failed God inasmuch as we have not carried His Gospel to all nations. "How shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Your own Seminary here in Louisville is unable to train the hundreds of additional men who today have heard the Call of Christ to dedicate their lives to HIS WORK for the lack of facilities which others can supply.

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T. HARVEY HEDGEPEETH

Mr. T. Harvey Hedgepeth, Jackson attorney and very able teacher of the Moffitt Bible Class at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, will teach the Sunday School lesson Sunday morning, October 20th, to the college students of Mississippi, assembled in Jackson for the State Convention, as well as to his regular class. Mississippi's students are sure to get a great blessing from hearing Mr. Hedgepeth, who is a Bible student, teach this large group of several hundred men and students.

THREE HAVE GIVEN

Three colleges of Mississippi have made contributions to the University of Shanghai BSU Room campaign. They are: State College, Ole Miss, and Jones Junior College. Remember, the campaign ends November 26. Why not get your school's contribution in early, however?

Blue Mountain Sends Retreat News

Jane Ray Bean, Reporter for the Blue Mountain Council, recently sent me an interesting account of the BMC Pre-School Retreat. "In All Things Christ" was the theme of the meeting which was held at Darden Lake, near the college. Corrinne Griffin presided and among those on the program were students Martha Brown, Sue McGinty, Anita Headrick, and Blanche Ellen Dar, and Miss Helen Bolt, Student Secretary; Mrs. J. B. Leavell, Dean of Women; Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, President of the College; Dean of the College E. H. Cox and Mrs. Cox, and Rev. C. J. Smyly, local pastor. Each council member presented plans for her work for the coming year and the objectives of the BSU as a whole were discussed. Seventeen students attended.

I am indebted to Jane Ray for sending me the first issue of Blue Mountain's Mountain Top Messenger, a very attractive little BSU paper. New students who read this publication will quickly and completely become spiritually orientated on the campus. I hope Jane Ray, or somebody, continues to send it to me.

PEREGRINATIONS

Sunflower Association, meeting at Dockery Church, where I was called upon to speak on everything from the Baptist Record to BSU, was very en-

joyable to both Eva Lois and me. Plenty of fixings with the usual chicken fried were in evidence, I assure you. Some of these days I'm going to develop a chronic case of chickenitis. Two days later both of us attended and had a small participation in the Belhaven Fall Retreat at Mayes Lake, near Jackson. It was indeed a good retreat with much student participation and with fine leadership on the part of Dr. McCoy, faculty adviser, and Eva Frances Dixon, BSU President. Mrs. J. H. Street, of Northside Church, and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, of First Church, brought very helpful and challenging messages. The next night Eva Lois and I met with a wonderful group of Hinds Junior College students at Raymond where I attempted to speak on Phil. 1:21. Miss Lurline Stewart and Mrs. Puryear are doing a fine work with this group. Then the next three nights were spent with a young people's group at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. Then the next two days at district associations. Then skip a day and then to a college center about a hundred miles north of Jackson. Then skip a couple days and two more associations, and so on. But, believe me, it's fun!

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DOROTHY PAGE

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Simply having my name entered as a church member will not save me; I am very ignorant about these matters, but Dr. Moreland told me that Christ founded the church as the place in which he wished all who believed in him to be gathered. If he formed the church for his believers, then is it not the place for me?"

"Daughter, you are right there to a dot. If Christ organized the church for his followers and you have given yourself to him, then if you should refuse to enter the church I should doubt whether you had given yourself to him; but I think you are wrong on one point. You spoke just now about studying the Bible to learn what church you ought to join. That's one on me. I never knew the Bible told a person what church he ought to join; in fact, I did not think it made any difference what church or denomination a person selected. I thought it was just pay your money and take your choice."

"I thought," said the mother, "that all the churches were aiming in the same direction and that all claimed to be founded on the Bible. Do you think, daughter, that the Bible will tell you to join one particular church or denomination rather than some other?"

"Mother, you are right there, as you generally are," said the father. "Here is the Presbyterian church, the only strong church in town, and it seems to be a mighty good one from all that I can hear of it. Do you imagine, daughter, that you must study the Bible to learn whether it will tell you to join this church or

some other church that may be off somewhere nobody knows where?"

Dorothy seemed lost in reflection.

"I wonder what Dr. Moreland could have meant?" she said. "I notice there are different names by which the churches are known: for example, the Presbyterians, the Methodists, etc. They call them, I believe, denominations. Are these denominations the same? Why do they have the different names, and why do some people join one denomination and some another?"

"That is not strange, daughter," spoke up the father. "There are different kinds of dresses, and one woman prefers one kind and another another. Some people like the Presbyterian church, some the Methodist church and so on. It is not a Bible question, simply a question of taste."

"Miss Dorothy, the denominations differ in matters of doctrine," said Mr. Sterling.

"You mean, that," said Dorothy, a light coming into her eye, "that the people who believe that the Bible teaches certain doctrines go into one church, and the people who believe that it teaches another set of doctrines go into another church, and that each one joins the church of his own beliefs?"

"You are entirely correct," said Sterling, confident that when she compounded the denominations his church would win the day. "The Presbyterian church is founded on the bed rock of Scripture and draws its life blood from its sacred pages."

"Do you not see, father," said Dorothy, "that in order for me to decide which church I ought to join I must study the Bible for myself and then join the church that seems to come nearest to what the Bible seems to teach?"

"I don't agree with you, sister, said Roland. "You say you must join the church that comes nearest to what the Bible seems to you to teach. But you know very little about what the Bible teaches. Had you not better take what old Dr. Vincent, who has been a life-long student of the Bible, says the Bible teaches than to take what you, after a few readings, decide it teaches? Why, certainly. I'd rather a thousand times trust him to tell me what that Book teaches than for me to decide myself."

"But, brother, I think you miss the point. Dr. Vincent can tell me what he thinks the Bible teaches, but some learned minister in another denomination might tell me the Bible taught something different. Mr. Sterling says each denomination has its own doctrines which it believes the Bible teaches. If I am going to take what some learned Bible student says, then which one must I follow? One will tell me that the Bible teaches the Presbyterian doctrines and another will tell me it teaches the Methodist doctrines."

"Exactly; and no matter what you do you cannot be sure you are right. I think one is about as apt to be right as the other. The only thing is to take a man that you believe is an honest and wise student of the Book and ask him to tell you its teachings."

"Oh, brother, that doesn't appeal to me at all. I dare not take another person's word for what this Bible teaches. I can take his counsel and the counsel of everybody else that I can secure, but I must give the final

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Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

State Baptist Music Convention

The first Baptist Convention for the Musicians of our state will be held at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, Oct. 11-12, 1946.

This will be the first Music Convention held in the South under our present Church Music Plan.

All pastors, church workers, choir directors, organists, pianists, song leaders and choir members are urged to be present for the opening service at 10:00 a.m.

Interest in Church Music

The Sunday School Board has always recognized the importance of music in the worship of God, teaching of the Bible, and training for Christian service. For many years the Board has published song books and hymnals.

On August 20, 1941 the Board authorized the Department of Church Music to promote interest and efficiency in worshipful music. More than a year ago the Board offered to cooperate with the state boards in promoting a music program in the churches. A further step is being taken in offering the following course of study to the churches, which will be prepared and presented as rapidly as possible and as is consistent with good judgment.

CURRICULUM

I. Music Fundamentals

1. Beginner Theory (book by Luther Harrison—now in mimeograph form) or Advanced Theory (by Ira C. Prosser—manuscript ready by Jan. 1)
2. Hymn Playing (by Mrs. J. D. Riddle—now in mimeograph form)
3. Technique of Conducting (by E. L. Carnett—now in mimeograph form)
4. Class Voice (by Campbell Wray—manuscript ready this year)

II. Music Appreciation

1. Let Us Sing (by McKinney and Graves—book in stock)
2. Music And The Scriptures (by I. E. Reynolds—book in stock)
3. Hymnology (by B. B. McKinney—in process of writing)

III. Music Ministry

1. Promoting Church Music (by Mrs. B. W. Nininger—manuscript at Board)
2. Instrumental Music (by Hines Sims—manuscript promised by January)
3. Methods and Materials for Graded Choirs (by Clifford A. Holcomb—January)

IV. Integrating Courses

1. Sunday School Book (to be selected by head of S. S. Dept.)
2. Training Union Book (to be selected by head of Training Union Dept.)
3. Doctrinal Book (to be selected by heads of departments concerned)

Certain awards in the form of certificates and diplomas are proposed for those who take these courses.

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Rev. Fred B. Bookter, pastor Central Church, McComb, was a welcome visitor a few days ago. He brought a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions.



Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

NEW BROTHERHOODS

Oak Grove Church, Scott County has a new Brotherhood. The pastor is Rev. Homer P. McDonald, Lena. The officers of the new organization are as follows: president, Joe Gatewood; membership vice-president, Homer Fikes; program vice-president, Crawford Youngblood; activities vice-president, E. C. Wilkerson; secretary-treasurer, George Gatewood. All addresses Lake.

First, Carthage, Dr. William Potter, pastor. The president of the Brotherhood, which was organized on September 30, is Sam Ellis. The membership vice-president is H. S. Mason; program vice-president, O. H. Barnett; activities vice-president, Paul Lee; secretary-treasurer, Elmer Barr. This promises to be one of our very strongest Brotherhoods. The pastor is keenly interested in "making the most of his men".

WEST CORINTH WILL BROADCAST DR. HILL'S ADDRESS

A special feature of the Laymen's Revival to be held by the West Corinth Church, Rev. Jas. B. Ray, pastor, October 22-24, is a radio broadcast of the address of Dr. John L. Hill on the night of October 24. The time for the radio message is 8:15-9:00. Station WCMA, Corinth, will carry the program.

Pastor Ray is inviting men from all northeast Mississippi to be special guests of the West Corinth Church for this night. A special inspirational program is planned to precede Dr. Hill's address. This begins at 7:30.

Committees Listed

The committees for the West Corinth Laymen's Revival are as follows: Publicity, Hurley Carroll, Jas. B. Ray, Gilbert Daniels; Finance, S. O. Gibbs, Levi McHaffey, J. A. Spear; Social, F. D. Tedford, Clay Baker, Raymond Dickerson; Music, Tillman Faires, Raymond Gurley, J. O. White; Ushers, Clarence Putt, Jim Swain, G. C. Lassiter.

TIPTON NAMED HEAD OF PIKE BROTHERHOODS

Rev. W. W. Tipton, pastor of Fernwood Baptist church, was elected president of the Pike County Baptist Brotherhood at its quarterly meeting held Monday night at Central Baptist church.

Other officers of the organization elected at the meeting were: activities vice-president, J. L. Johnson, South Side, McComb; program vice-president, George Brunson, South Side; secretary-treasurer, J. A. Simpson, Fernwood; chorister, David Laird, Central; pianist, Rev. J. A. Terrell.

Retiring president, H. P. Porter, presided at the meeting, which began with a chicken supper given by the Brotherhood of Central Church and served by young people and their sponsors of the Young People's Department of B. T. U.

At 7:30 the program proper began with Rev. Tipton delivering the inspirational message. During the business session, reports from the Brotherhoods of Pike churches were heard.

LAUDERDALE MEN MEET

W. H. Headrick, Laurel, president of District Seven, was the principal speaker in the Lauderdale County associational Brotherhood meeting October 4. The meeting was held with

the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Dr. Paul G. Horner, pastor M. E. Green, Brotherhood president. The meeting began with an inspirational period. Then followed reports from individual Brotherhoods and business. After Mr. Headrick's address, a very interesting social period was held and refreshments were served.

Plan For Conference

Extensive plans were made at this associational gathering for the entertainment of the district (Six) conference to be held with the South Side Church, Meridian, on November 1.

LAYMAN'S DAY IN CHURCHES NOT HAVING A BROTHERHOOD

Many churches that do not have a Brotherhood will observe Layman's Day on October 13. The pastor may feature the enlistment of men in all services of the day, even as in churches having their men organized. A male quartet may sing in one church service. The men may sit in a body in one church hour. The pastor may emphasize the responsibilities of men in the kingdom and church.

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DOROTHY PAGE

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decision. I must study this Book for myself. Dr. Vincent is a good and wise man, of course, but I cannot look into his heart for all the thoughts that have led him to his decision. The question before me is not what church does Mr. Vincent think comes nearest the Bible, but what church do I think comes the nearest."

"Daughter," said Mr. Page, "you are on the right track. You can get all the light possible from Dr. Vincent and anybody else you choose, but you are the judge that must bring in the verdict, and when you make the decision there is no court of appeals. But you have a huge job on your hands. You must first study all the denominations and then you've got to master your Bible to see which one of all the denominations squares with the Book."

"Oh," said Dorothy in a tone of despair, "how can I ever decide such a big question? Won't you help me, Mr. Sterling?"

Sterling felt that he would like to spend several centuries, beginning with that very second, in the single matter of helping her. He remarked with a smile: "Miss Dorothy, I think you need not be alarmed; you are not as much in the wilderness as you imagine. Suppose on examination you find that the doctrines of our church are in accord with teachings of the Bible, then your duty is plain, is it not?"

"Yes," she replied with a sigh of relief, "and won't you tell me what are the doctrines of your church?"

His eyes answered her request before his lips had an opportunity to respond.

"Now you are getting out into the road," said the father. "Tell it to her, Friend Sterling, and I guess she will find that your church plumbs the track. In fact, I reckon most of them do."

"Dinner is ready," called the mother.

"There, now," said the father, "that breaks up the meeting at the critical point, but come in to dinner, Sterling,

SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Rev. Joe Odle, pastor of First Church, Crystal Springs was recently with the Bemis Church, Jackson, Tennessee in a revival meeting. There were ten additions.

Dr. H. H. Hargrove, pastor of Coggin Avenue Church, Brownsville, Texas recently sent his renewal and said, "You are giving us an excellent paper".

New Sight church, Lincoln county has called Rev. N. A. Edmonds as supply pastor while the church seeks a successor to Rev. O. E. Floyd who resigned recently.

Mrs. Curtis Murphree of Calvary Church, Calhoun County, recently sent a list of eight additions to their EVERY FAMILY list. The names represent the names of families that had joined the church during the recent revival. Other churches might do likewise.

N. L. Jones of Pleasant Grove Church, Calhoun County recently sent a nice list of subscriptions for which the Baptist Record is grateful.

and we will open the campaign again after dinner."

"Yes, please do come, Mr. Sterling," said Dorothy. "I am so anxious to know what are the doctrines of your church."

Sterling was compelled to decline, inasmuch as he had promised to be at home for dinner to meet a business friend of his father's, but he assured them that he would be on hand for discussion very soon after dinner.

(Continued next week)

Mrs. J. R. Goff of Lucedale recently sent a nice list of subscriptions. They helped the Record get over the 54,000 mark.

Rev. James B. Parker, head of the department of institutional work, Baptist Headquarters, preached the ordination sermon for three new deacons at Flora on Sunday morning, October 6. Rev. O. B. Beverly is the pastor.

Hershell George and Mrs. Glen Davidson have been elected Sunday school Superintendent and Training Union Director respectively of First Church, Pontotoc.

There was good attendance at the Panola county School of Music held September 16-20, at Batesville. Rev. Luther Harrison, state director, was present. The results should be far reaching, and much good was done.—Dorris Bailey, Reporter.

The Riverside Associational W.M.U. held the annual meeting with the Jonestown Baptist church with 12 out of 13 churches represented in a crowd that filled the auditorium. All officers were present. Mrs. Stovall Lowrey of Clarksdale is superintendent. Visiting speakers included Mrs. J. A. Anderson of Belzoni, W. G. Mize and Mrs. Scotchie McCall of Jackson. Rev. and Mrs. Ray Megginson, Associational Missionaries, were present, and presented a good poster picturing the wide scope of the work. This task is one of the things fostered by the Riverside W. M. U. Jonestown ladies spared no effort to make the day enjoyable for each guest. Several pastors were visitors.

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Lesson for October 13

PAUL MAKES A NEW START. Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-19a; 22:4-16; 26:9-18; I Corinthians 15:8-10; Galatians 1:11-16.

I. Paul's Need. He was a cultured, intelligent, prideful man, without an experience of the grace of God in Christ. Paul was a poor lost man, all because he had not trusted Christ as his Savior. He was no better off and no worse off than any other hell-doomed and hell-deserving sinner. Paul's one need was just his need of God in the experience of salvation.

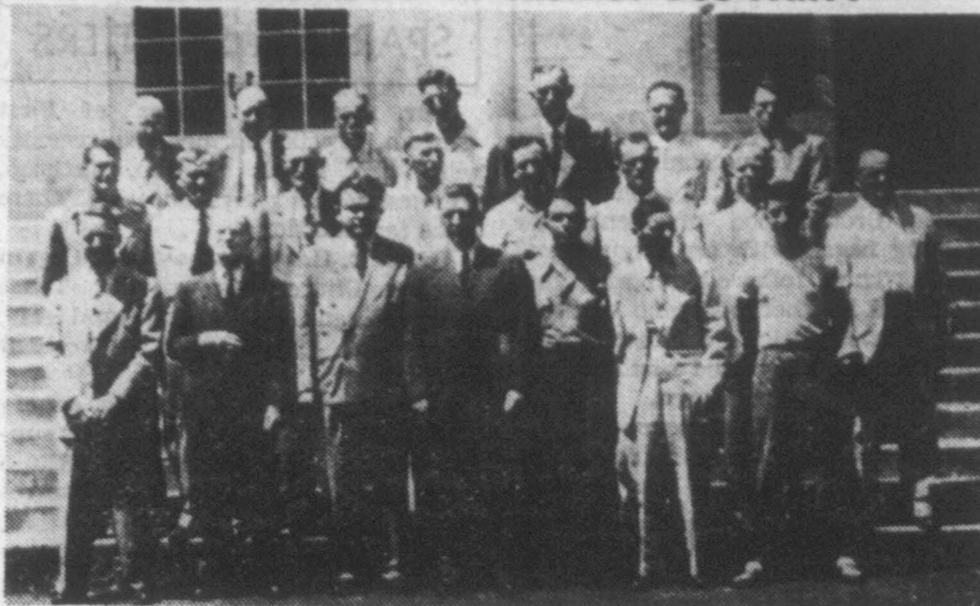
II. Paul's Consequent Course. If you have understood Paul's background and character, you will have been expecting him to be a persecutor of the Christians. There was no other course open to him. The followers of Christ were a mob of pestilential heretics, bent on destroying the foundations of all security and decency of life, to Paul. This Saul—Paul—believed in the God of his fathers whereas, it seemed to him, to Saul, that these Christians were practicing the worship, and winning other men to the worship, of another God, one Jesus, a mere man. This Jesus had been rejected as a bad man by the leaders of Paul's sect, had been found guilty by their court, had been handed over to the Roman hangmen for execution, had been put to death and had been buried. Now here was a bunch of nobodies claiming that this Jesus had risen from the dead, had been seen alive after He had been dead, had been seen to go up into the heavens out of sight of His followers, who had been told by a pair of angels that "this same Jesus" would one day come back to the earth. Paul's race, breeding, religion—all demanded that he strive to break up the bands of followers of this Jesus and thereby stop the spread of this heretical wildfire.

III. The Meeting. Acts 9:1-19a. Saul, residing and doing his work of persecution in Jerusalem, conceived the plan of a campaign into Damascus, the ancient city, 150 miles northeast of Jerusalem. Saul had doubtless heard that the Jesus heresy had spread to Damascus, and that some Jews there had been corrupted by it. Providing himself with blanket Warrants for the arrest of any man or woman in Damascus found guilty of paying worship to Jesus, Saul began his journey to Damascus.

Out on the highway a short distance from Damascus at the noon-tide of the day, Saul of Tarsus and Jesus of Nazareth met face to face. Saul could not face the blaze of glory that burst upon him when he faced the splendor of the exalted Jesus. What man can stand it? Saul was honest, consequently, there was no moment of hesitation upon his part here. He knew before Jesus spoke that he was in the grasp of a force so mighty as to render him impotent by comparison. "Saul! Saul!" "Who art thou, Lord?" "Lord!" In that word was surrender.

After this meeting, there was one course open to Saul the persecutor,

BROTHERHOOD RIDGECREST BUS PARTY



A bus was chartered to carry Mississippi representatives to the Ridgecrest Brotherhood Conference August 1-8. The group of twenty-three men, and mascot, is pictured above. Bottom row, left to right: Rev. Henry C. Walker, Ocean Springs; C. D. Hill, Laurel; W. H. Headrick, Laurel; J. H. Street, Brotherhood Secretary, Jackson; Frank Brent, Laurel; W. E. Roberts, Laurel; Herbert Street, Jackson, mascot. Middle row: Joe Hawkins, Raleigh; Frank Whittington, Summit;

S. H. McDonnieal, Summerland; H. L. Boyd, Raleigh; Robert Harrison, Raleigh; Roy Weathersby, Laurel; Roy Albritton, Mount Olive; Rufus Davis, Poplarville. Top row: Rev. M. V. Rowell, Meridian; B. A. Ashworth, Mount Olive; Bill Boutwell, Laurel; John Dixon, Laurel; D. E. Neal, Holly Springs; Rev. M. J. Gilbert, Meridian; Gayle Cooper, Canton. (Rev. M. V. Rowell went by train. Rev. C. O. Estes, Canton; James Pascal Gilbert, Meridian; Herman Lazarus and Reese McCullough, McComb, are not in the picture.)

Pastor W. R. Storie reports that the new budget of Providence Church, Forest County includes a \$300 increase for the Cooperative Program.

and that was the course of obedience to the being whom he had called Lord. Saul, a little while afterwards became Paul, followed that course for the remainder of his life, nay, he follows it yet.

IV. The New Course. Read the passages assigned at the beginning of this article, and thereby refresh yourself in the matter of Paul's account of his conversion. First, there was the period of blind amazement. Paul knew he had been smitten to the earth and that by a power that flashes a blinding brightness into his eyes. He knew that Jesus had spoken to him, and that knowledge had broken all opposition to Jesus. Paul must now wait a time with patience until Jesus should speak to him again.

This command from Jesus came to him through Brother Ananias, and Paul obeyed it. After his baptism Paul began to do what he was to continue to do to the end.

There was, however, a period of meditation. Paul though he had understood his Bible, but he now beheld his interpretation of his Bible all broken up. He must go away somewhere and reconstruct his house of faith, re-arrange his system of truth, untangle the knotted skein of thread of thought. He went to the desert to find a place of quiet retirement. Out there where he could pray and meditate, the Spirit of Jesus led Paul into a clearer understanding of the truth.

Returned from the desert, he soon took up his work of preaching the gospel to the people of his own nation. He did this for the term of his life, though it was the members of his own race who gave him most trouble. I can just now think of no persecution begun against him that was not planned by his fellow Jews. He is known as the apostle to the Gentiles but always he offered life in Jesus to his kinsmen after the flesh.

—BR—

Pastor R. A. Morris of First Church Newton, welcomed five new members on Sunday, September 29.

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

October 14—Mrs. W. K. Denson, Young People's Counsellor, Sixth District W. M. U.; Rev. R. A. Tullos, District President B. T. U.

October 15—Rev. Phil J. Walker, Convention Board Member, Mississippi Association; Dr. W. L. Holcomb, Scott County Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

October 16—Harvey Hedgepeth, Trustee, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; Mrs. John C. Borum, W. M. U. Superintendent, Monroe County Association, District 4.

October 17—W. M. Gerrard, Trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital; Miss Jemmie Vardaman, Teacher, Piano, Mississippi College.

October 18—Mrs. J. S. Hughes, W. M. U. Superintendent, Attala County Association, District 5; Dr. Lucy Hutchins, Professor of Latin and Greek, Blue Mountain College.

October 19—Rev. A. E. Mason, Trustee, Property of Clarke College; Mrs. Frank Cox, W. M. U. Superintendent, Union Association, District 4.

October 20—W. D. Cole, Neshoba County Convention Board Member; Mrs. W. A. Peoples, W. M. U. Superintendent, Zion Association, District 5.

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The formal opening of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, was held in Cowden Hall on September 17. Dr. L. R. Elliott, seminary Librarian, delivered the address on "Arms and The Man, or, The Christian, His Training and Equipment". Mr. Saxe Adams, assistant teacher of voice, sang a tenor solo.

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We hit a high mark in number of unions organized in August. There were 102 that we have a record of and there were others, of course, that organized and did not report it. Yes, that is true, a lot of good Training Union work goes on that we do not hear about, we rejoice that it goes on, but we would like to know about it, it will help in the promotional program. For August there were 18 Story Hour, 22 Junior, 20 Intermediate, 22 Young People's and 20 Adult unions organized.

921 Study Course awards were issued in August. Our September report will be much larger as it will really be the report of study course work done mostly in August.

October begins the new year. Why not organize for a consistent program of visitation this month. Visit the entire church membership plus other friends who would be blessed by a visit from some individual or group.

DeKalb Sets Up Training Program

Thanks to Brother Glenn Smith, pastor of DeKalb Baptist Church, for putting us on their mailing list. We receive their printed bulletin each week and rejoice with them in the newly organized Training Union. Congratulations to these newly elected officers: Director, G. F. Dabbs; Asso. Director, Mrs. R. H. Wroten; Secretary, Miss Helen McDade; Young People's Counselor, Miss Nell Price; Intermediate Leader, Mrs. Roy Palmer; Junior Leader, Mrs. G. F. Dabbs; Story Hour Leader, Mrs. L. O. Atkins. Other reports in the bulletin show splendid progress in the entire church program.

Some fellows stay right in the rut,
While others head the throng.
All men may be born equal, but
They don't stay that way long.
There is many a man, with a gallant air,
Goes galloping to the fray;
But the valuable man is the man
who's there
When the smoke has cleared away.
Some "Don't get nuthin' out of life,"
But when their whines begin,
We often can remind them that
They don't put nothin' in.

—Office Economist

CARVED ON OUR HEARTS, is a new book written by Mrs. George A. Carver, appointed as missionary by our Foreign Mission Board in 1933. This is a mission book and "reads like a tip-top magazine article. Written especially for Intermediates, it makes interesting reading for adults". The chapter titles are, China, Land of Color; China, Land of Charm; China, Land of Change; China, Land of Contrast; China, Land of Challenge. Forty cents at the Baptist Book Store. Why not have a study course soon using this book?

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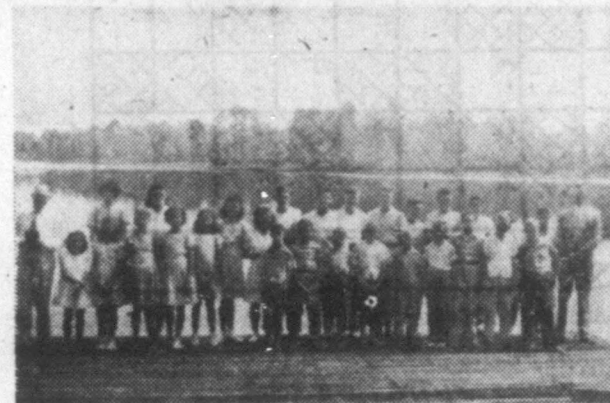
Thanks to Missionary Charles Everitt, the Mt. Vernon Church in Tishomingo Association has had a splendid study course for their Intermediates. They used the Intermediate Union Manual and had 12 to qualify for the diploma. This starts the union off right. They no doubt adopted the standard as their working guide which will assure efficient work.

Issaquena Baptist Church Deer Creek Association Completes Study Course

We were happy to have the request from Mrs. Troy Sandifer of the Issaquena Baptist Church in Deer Creek Association for awards for 23 of their members who recently satisfactorily

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

	S.S.	B.T.U.
Booneville	227	106
Summit	146	116
Batesville	194	66
Waynesboro	228	64
Crystal Springs	508	125
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	476	128
Ellison Ridge,		
Winston County	145	165
West Laurel	410	277
Jackson, Eastside		102
Jackson, Parkway	523	212
Byram, Hinds County	73	43
Daniel, Hinds County	186	74
Jackson, First	1,061	304
Jackson, Van Winkle	250	130
Jackson, Calvary	1,271	304
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone St. Mission	1,301	
Jackson, Northside	241	83
Laurel, First	545	132
New Albany	534	231
Philadelphia,		
Lincoln County	55	40
Pascagoula, First	519	127
Darling	33	
Louisville	397	136
Providence, Forest County	134	99
Bethel, Pearl River County	93	52
Bear Creek,		
Attala County	54	
Natchez, Westside	101	47
Rocky Creek,		
George County	144	96
O'Tuckolofa,		
Yalobusha County	79	
County Line,		
Copiah County	127	40
Wellman,		
Lincoln County	76	58
Brookhaven, First	573	135
Cross Roads,		
Webster County	78	
Chalbyate	53	48
Delay	43	
New Zion,		
Copiah County	100	59
Liberty Hill,		
Panola County	71	59
Kreole, First	71	46
Tocowa, Panola County	34	25
Hattiesburg, Main Street	672	283
Oloh	73	52
West Point	362	100
West Marks	35	
September 29, 1946		
County Line,		
Copiah County	85	24
Pascagoula, First	503	121
Pascagoula, Unity	65	50
Brookhaven, First	625	115
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	55	
Crystal Springs,		
Walthall County	118	
Houlka, Chickasaw County	104	35
Agricola	98	80
Columbus, First	718	259
Jackson, Parkway		194



Those pictured at the right were baptized at Elk's Lake at the close of the VBS and revival meeting of Dixie Baptist Church, Lebanon Association. The pastor, Rev. C. S. Moulder, is shown at the left and the assistant pastor, Rev. Jimmy Riley, at the right.

completed the study of the Manual. Congratulations, and begin now to make your plans for another study course in the spring or before.

Aberdeen Elects Director of Experience

Congratulations to the Aberdeen church on their choice of director for the new year. Mrs. A. A. Roebuck, an experienced worker in Training Union, was elected to this important office and has already assumed the responsibilities of the office. We can expect Training Union stock to go up in this good church. The Standards will be adopted as working guides and this will mean more efficient work all the way along. They have already planned for an All Church Study Course for the week of March 9, 1947.

Macon Adults Sponsor City-Wide Anti-Profanity Campaign

For October the Adult Union of Macon is sponsoring a city-wide Anti-Profanity Campaign. Posters are being placed in conspicuous places. This good union recently enjoyed a Dutch Supper for the newly elected officers. It was a business and social meeting combined. Highlights for the evening were Mrs. R. D. Pearson's peach cobbler (delicious) and the games directed by Mrs. Pearson. Because of the faithfulness of the membership the union is growing in members and in Christian Service. Officers to serve the next six months are: President, Bob Forbess; V. President, John Gates; Sec., Miss Jewel Fox; B. R. Mrs. J. E. McDavid; Social Leader, Mrs. J. R. Goza; Pianist, Mrs. W. H. McLeMore; Group Captains, H. S. Thompson and Mrs. R. H. Forbess.

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The girl met an old flame who had turned her down, and decided to high-hat him.

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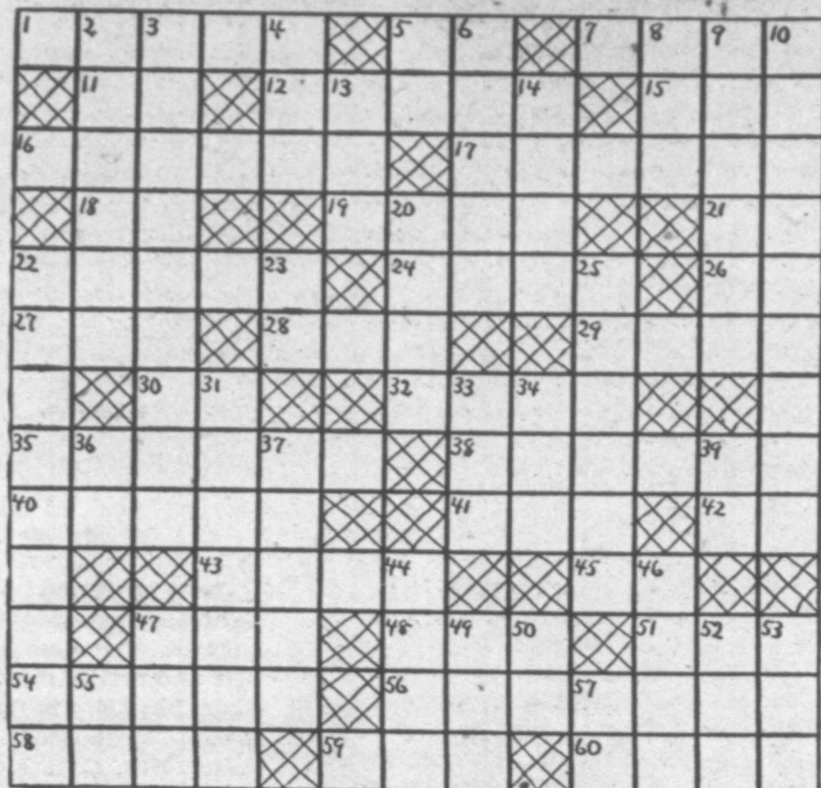
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"Now where Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem."—Matt. 2:1,2.

ACROSS

- 1 "... the young child was born"
 5 "Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who ... called Christ"
 7 Ruth went with Naomi from ... to 10 down
 11 This chapter of Matthew tells of Christ's healing powers
 12 "plucked up by the ..."
 15 "Blessed ... the meek"
 16 Animals
 17 Noise
 18 "And ... sent them to Bethlehem"
 19 "... shall rule my people Israel"
 21 Island possession of the U.S.
 22 Spinning machine
 24 "sook him from the sheepfolds: From following the ..."
 26 Indian mulberry

- 27 The bitter vetch
 28 "what ye hear in the ..."
 29 Part of a church
 30 "Emmanuel, which being interpreted ... God with us"
 32 "he demanded of them where Christ should be ..."
 35 Uncover
 38 City of Wisconsin
 40 Horse
 41 One of Paul's epistles
 42 Type measure
 43 "When Herod the ... had heard these things"
 45 "In Bethlehem ... Judea"
 47 Constellation
 48 Old Dutch measure
 51 Third king of Judah
 54 Turn outward
 56 "He ... in God"
 58 Entangles
 59 "they saw ... young child"
 60 They rejected Christ

- Our Text from Matthew is 1, 5, 18, 19, 30, 32, 43, 45, 59, and 60 combined
 DOWN
 2 "Then saith he to Thomas, Reach ... thy finger"
 3 Wide
 4 "Ye do ... , not knowing the scrip-

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servant of all." The denomination does not rule the individual! The preacher does not rule the individual! The deacons do not rule the individual! The church does not rule the individual. In His fellowship there is unity, equality, freedom, love, power, et cetera. God rules! Jesus is the Head of His Church! The Holy Spirit leads above us all! May it be so in the denomination in every blood-bought church, in every regenerated soul!

Newton Baptist Church

By J. A. Barnhill

We experienced recently, at Newton, one of the greatest revivals of the year. There were 97 additions to the church. From the beginning great crowds taxed the seating capacity of the church. Pastor Morris had made splendid preparation and there was the finest sort of cooperation upon the part of the whole town, also President Green, his faculty and student body of Clark College. They were eight gracious days.

The Newton church is in great need of a new building. Facilities are quite inadequate to care for this growing church in a growing community. It is imperative that they build soon or suffer great loss. The church has the problem of providing for her own community needs and that of Clark College students. I believe it right for the Baptist of Mississippi to help the Newton church to provide worship facilities for the boys and girls that we send there for training. While the church is struggling to meet this problem I believe the State Convention should allocate several thousand dollars to help meet this need.

With Brother Morris as pastor of the church and Brother Green as president of the college, Baptist affairs are in mighty good hands in that section of the state.

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Warning Notice

In the interest of the public and in order to protect the name and work of our denomination against misrepresentation and fraud, it is our desire to state that Southern Baptist Churches (white) do not send out itinerant collectors over the state soliciting funds for the denomination or its institutions. A number of reports have come to us of persons who have appeared in our county representing themselves as collecting money for a Baptist home for unfortunate girls (which does not exist in Missis-

tures, nor the power of God"

- 5 Shout of triumph
 6 "He esteemeth iron as ..."
 8 "For ye shall be as an ... whose leaf fadeth"
 9 King when Paul was let down in a basket; sea rat (anag.)
 10 Birthplace of Christ
 13 Most of most
 14 Surfeit
 20 "every green ... for meat"
 22 Herod "was troubled, and all ... with him"
 23 "and when ... have found him"
 25 Rude guitar
 31 Searchers
 33 Western state
 34 Knock
 36 Matthew is in this part of the Bible
 37 Simpleton
 39 Compass point
 44 Native place of Goliath the giant
 46 Fortune
 47 "and ... it out to husbandmen"
 49 "Blessed ... the merciful"
 50 Greek letter
 52 "A time to rend, and a time to ..."
 53 Public notices
 55 Old Dominion; state
 57 Society of Jesus

sippi) or for the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, which does not solicit support in that way.

If such persons come to your home or place of business, do not hesitate to question them closely as to their connections or credentials. And in case of doubt contact your Baptist pastor or the police. — G. Norman Price, pastor First Baptist Church, Indianola.

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RESOLUTIONS

GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
PERRY COUNTY

Be it remembered that the Rev. T. W. Hembree has served well and faithfully as our pastor for the past two years, and is now leaving us. During this period of time he did much good works for our church and community.

Be it resolved by this body in Christ that our deepest appreciation, be hereby expressed to Bro. Membree and that the prayers and best wishes of this church shall accompany him and his loved ones wherever they may dwell.

Signed, J. H. Edwards

Signed, A. C. Edwards

Signed, Tyra Newell

—Deacons of Good Hope Baptist Church

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Silver Creek Has Outstanding Year

Pastor Zeno Wells and the members of Silver Creek church in Pike county are rejoicing over the achievements of the past year with a full time work and the pastor living on the field.

Some of the accomplishments which have brought blessings to the church are: An increase of Sunday school enrollment from 65 to above 200; signing of tithers' cards by 95; three new Sunday school classes organized; 95 per cent of the officers and teachers participating in the Sunday school training course; attaining of the Standard, save one point, in Sunday school; an increase in Training Union enrollment from 90 to 130; one new Union organized; 65 awards given in BTU study course; remodeling of pastor's home, including installation of water and heating systems at a cost of \$1,500; a building program started with \$3,547 already in the fund; \$3,713 given through the church budget, of which \$390 went for missions; a Vacation Bible School with enrollment of 117, average attendance of 105 and 23 professions of faith; a great revival in which 30 came by baptism and eight by letter; a total of 41 people making a profession of faith during the year, and 12 by letter, making a total of 53 additions and total cash given during the year, \$8,400.94.

The church started off the pastor's second year by beginning the erection of the new plant.

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The Escatawpa church in Jackson county enjoyed a great revival with Evangelist Barney Walker of Jackson doing the preaching for 10 days. There were 22 additions to the church, 19 being for baptism. One of the deacons answered the call to preach, and another member surrendered to special service. Many rededicated their lives. Such crowds attended that the building was unable to accommodate all who came. A loud speaker was set up outside to make it possible for the overflow crowds to hear the messages. Many attended from other communities. A fine musical ministry was enjoyed under the direction of Ralph Young.—D. M. Campbell, Pastor.

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Sunday, Sept. 29th, was a great day in the Winona Baptist Church; Sunday school attendance was 338 and Training Union Attendance 102 (a new record for B.T.U.). There were five professions of faith and three who came by letter. Seven were baptized in the evening service.

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The breaking of the ground for the new church building of the Silver Creek Baptist Church, Pike County. The "young" man with the shovel is Brother Jesse Estess, the oldest member of the church. This service took place on the day following the celebration of the First Anniversary of the present pastor. It has been 110 years since such a service has been held at this place.

Reading from left to right: Zeno Wells, pastor; Deacon John Barclay, treasurer; Deacon Jesse Estess; Deacon Jesse L. Simmons, clerk; Deacon Dr. J. E. Brumfield.

In an election held by the student body this week, Frances Gene Hannaford, Jackson, was named to reign as Queen of the May Day Festivities at Blue Mountain College. She is a member of the senior class and is president of the Eunomian Society. Joyce Tyler, senior from Picayune, will be Maid of Honor. They will be featured in The Mountaineer, the college annual.

The Sunday School and Training Union of the Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, went far below normal in July and August because of polio in this county. At the beginning of September our people decided it was time to come up out of "Polio Valley." Five goals were set for the Sunday school for the Sundays in September. The goal for the first Sunday was 450. The plan was to increase that number by fifty each Sunday until Promotion Day when the total would have reached 650. Our Sunday school forces caught the spirit of building "back to normal" and on Promotion Day our Sunday school attendance was 744 and the Training Union attendance was 250.—S. C. Ray, Educational Director.

CARTHAGE: The article, "CUBA IS A CHALLENGE", written by our pastor and appearing originally in The Baptist Record has been printed in the September edition of "The Religious Digest" and according to word from Miss Christine Garnett, Home Mission Board missionary in Cuba, the article has been translated into the Cuban language and will be published in "Voz Bautista", the Cuban Baptist publication. In Miss Garnett's letter she said, "We have been challenged to live for Christ so that every word of this article be true."

The Hinds-Warren Association will meet at Terry Baptist Church on Thursday, October 17.—A. Sidney Johnston, Clerk-Treasurer.



The above scene took place at the close of the Revival Meeting of the Silver Creek Baptist Church in Pike County. Thirty-three were baptized at this service.

The preacher for the revival was W. L. Holcomb, of Forest, and the singer was S. M. (Happy) White, Summit. The results two months later continue to reveal that this was in truth a great spiritual revival.

The U. S. Episcopal Church closed its 55th general convention last week in Philadelphia after electing Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Boston, as the presiding Bishop; liberalizing canons on the remarriage of divorced persons; continuing their study of merger with the Presbyterian Church, but refusing to hand it down to congregations for study; electing a layman for the first time, Owen J. Roberts, former U.S. Supreme Court justice, as presiding officer of the house of delegates; approving a budget of \$3,213,769 for 1947; hearing that the 2,269,962 gave an average of \$1.23 last year; approving increases averaging 10 per cent for domestic missionaries, 15 per cent for headquarters personnel; and 30 per cent for foreign missionaries to meet rising costs of living.

The Alexander Memorial church at James held a recent revival with Rev. E. I. Farr of Clarke Memorial college as guest preacher, resulting in 17 additions, 15 being on profession of faith. Others have come each Sunday since the revival. Miss Frances Bibb of Drew led in a Vacation Bible School the same week with an enrollment of 60. Six Sunday school rooms and a baptistry are among the improvements to the church in recent months. Pastor E. C. Farr has enrolled at the New Orleans Seminary for further study.—Reporter.

Recently Mrs. Charles Burkes, treasurer of Holly Bluff Church, Yazoo County, sent ten new names for the Holly Bluff EVERY FAMILY list. This kind of cooperation has helped to put the Baptist Record over the 54,000 mark in circulation.



Answer to Crossword Puzzle on Page 14

There will be a revival meeting at Bethel church, Pearl River County, the second week in October, beginning October 13 and will continue through Friday, October 19. The Reverend J. C. Murphy of Pachuta, will be the visiting minister. The public is cordially invited—T. L. Pfeifer, Pastor.



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Shanghai University President Baptized

By Inabelle G. Coleman

A colorful sunrise tinted the campus of the University of Shanghai on Sunday morning, June 30, as President Henry H. Lin entered the College Church to accept baptism into the full fellowship with Baptists. A full church witnessed this solemn symbol administered by Dr. J. B. Hipps. After the early morning service, the faculty went home with President Lin to partake of a Christian fellowship breakfast.

Two weeks before, in his vesper message to the students, President Lin had stated his intention to be baptized. He revealed his spiritual experience during the years of war, and reminded the students of his Chungking decision to put God and spiritual value first. In announcing his intention to be baptized, he said: "I realize that I can do more for my Lord if I am baptized. Even though I have been a Christian many years, and have been a leader in the Episcopalian Church, I wish to be immersed."

President Lin descended from a family of Christian leaders. His grandfather, S. Y. Lin, was China's first Lutheran pastor and principal of a school in Kwangtung Province. During the war, President Lin was vice-chairman of Chungking Christian Council, chairman of the International Church, vice-chairman of the Grace Church, chairman of Churchman's Club, chairman of the Bible Reading Society. During the war he made special arrangement with his printing works to print Bibles for circulation in Free-China. The President's wife is also a devoted Christian. Her grandfather was a Presbyterian minister and her father a deacon in the church. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and at present a leader in Christian and social service in Shanghai.

President and Mrs. Lin have been invited to visit American Baptists early in 1947. They will speak not only in churches of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions but in universities, at State convention assemblages, and to other national Christian groups.

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Record Observance Of Men And Missions Sunday Expected

The cooperation of some 50,000 pastors is being enlisted by the Missionary boards of 49 Protestant denominations and some 30,000 other pastors in addition through Resident Chairman in over 3,000 cities and towns according to a statement by the Laymen's Missionary Movement. All former records are expected to be exceeded in this 16th annual observance of Men and Missions Sunday on November 17, 1946.

As in the past, Chaplains of the armed forces, and over a thousand theological students are being enlisted to help in the promotion of this emphasis that the Christian mission is the task of laymen.

Dr. Arthur H. Compton and John Foster Dulles have participated in programs, which have been transcribed for radio broadcasts in furtherance of this Men and Missions Sunday observance.

November 15 marks the 40th anni-

BAPTIST LAY LEADER CRITICIZES NEWTON'S STATEMENTS ON RUSSIA

WAYCROSS, Ga.—(RNS)—Assertions by Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, that religious freedom exists in Russia, were strongly criticized here by O. K. Armstrong, of Springfield, Mo., Missouri Baptist lay leader.

Speaking at the First Baptist church, Mr. Armstrong said, "Nothing could be further from the truth. To Baptists, freedom to practice religion means freedom to preach without censorship, freedom to criticize evil in government and freedom to receive and send missionaries in and out of the country. Would Dr. Newton have us believe any such freedoms exist under Communist rule?"

While praising Dr. Newton for his

efforts "to bring us into closer friendships with Baptists in Russia," Mr. Armstrong said that in defending "the Soviet political system he speaks only as Louie D. Newton and not as president of the Southern Baptist Convention or vice president of the Baptist World Alliance."

In Atlanta, meanwhile, two men picketed the Municipal Auditorium where Dr. Newton delivered a report on his recent trip to Russia. They carried a sign reading, "Is Louie D. Newton Selling Communism to the U. S. A.?"

The pickets' sign bore the signature of "The Columbians, Incorporated." It said, "We are against Communism. We stand for 100 per cent white democracy."

NAVY LEGALIZES SALE OF LIQUOR TO SAILORS

Washington —(AP)—The navy disclosed today that on July 13 it had legalized the sale of liquor to its sailors outside the United States.

This is the first time the navy has made liquor available to its enlisted men since the days of the Grog-ration in 1862.

No official explanation was given for withholding the announcement of the two weeks old order.

Previously only beer was sold at enlisted men's recreation centers, (a World War II action) although officers were permitted to buy spirits at their clubs.

Under the new order, enlisted men and civilians at navy bases anywhere outside the United States may purchase liquor at the base provided a soft drink fountain is also functioning at the same time.

No change is made in the beer, only limitation for enlisted men at domestic bases.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 3 —(SBPA)—The Arkansas Baptist Executive board has voted to recommend to the meeting of the Convention that Central College at Conway, only Baptist girl's school in Arkansas, be made co-educational starting at the second semester. Dr. R. L. Whipple is the new president. The school will remain a junior college.

The Executive Committee also voted to recommend a 1947 budget of \$395,472 for 1947, a 10 per cent increase over 1946. A department of missions has also been set up with Thurman K. Rucker, pastor of the First Church, Malvern, as the first superintendent.

versary of the founding of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and many communities are featuring dinners in celebration of the occasion.

Throughout the country lay speakers chosen by their pastors are looked upon to carry further the work of world-wide missions. It is to secure the increased interest and cooperation of men, in addition to women, in the mission field.

A speaker's manual, containing messages from twelve eminent clergymen and also some prominent laymen including LAWSON H. COOKE, Cleveland E. Dodge, Harvey Firestone, Jr., Eric Johnston and others, is available through any missionary board or directly from the office of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois.

RUSSIANS READ BIBLES

The Bible is not only being read in Russia but copies of the Bible are found in the pews of the churches, according to a report given the American Bible Society by Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who has just returned from a visit to that country. Dr. Newton was one of a seven-member delegation visiting Russia at the invitation of the Soviet government.

Dr. Newton preached in the Baptist church at Moscow, Leningrad, Minsk and other Russian cities and everywhere he went among Baptists he found Bibles in the hands of the people. They were familiar with the Scriptures, he stated, and eager to hear the Gospel story.

J. I. Zhidkov, president of the All-Union Council of Evangelicals and Baptists and Mikhail A. Orlov, pastor, the Moscow Baptist Church, sent thanks through Dr. Newton to the American Bible Society for the Russian New Testaments which had been furnished by the Bible Society to Russian prisoners of war. The Testaments, together with Russian Gospels, especially produced as a part of the Society's war emergency work, were distributed to thousands of prisoners.

"You will be glad to know," said Dr. Newton in his report to Dr. Francis Stifler of the American Bible Society, "that several soldiers came to me and said that they not only got these Testaments, but they knew of thousands of others who did. One lieutenant showed me his copy which he received while a prisoner of war and told me 'it was the reading of this Book while I was a prisoner of war in Germany that led me to Christ.' He stood up in the meeting at Moscow after I had preached and gave the same testimony and the people wept as he talked."

Dr. Newton closed his report to the Bible Society with the statement that he feels Russia today offers the greatest opportunity for Evangelical Christianity that he knows in the world.

Plans for the production of a million German Bibles, to be printed in Germany, with material supplied largely by the American Bible Society, are under consideration. The Society has furnished 86,000 Bibles, 429,000 Testaments and 549,000 Gospels in the last year and will shortly be able to ship to Germany over 250,000 Bibles and a very large quantity of New Testaments. In addition 65,000 Testaments are to be produced in Finland for distribution in Germany.

Baptizing A Large Woman

By Theodore Whitfield

In the early part of my ministry, after I had baptized perhaps a hundred people, a very large woman joined for baptism! Her husband also joined and he himself was of a large frame — but not anything like her, and he said to me "My wife being so very large — I will help you baptize her," and I did not have any better sense than to say "all right." Now I will tell you something about baptizing people, namely, that it is not so hard to raise people out of the water — since the human body weighs little in the water. The really hard part is to get a large body buried in the water, and I had a tender conscience on that point, for I well know that the Greek word the Savior and the apostles used, "Baptidzo", mean to bury in the water, and I always felt it my duty to do that thing to every candidate committed to me.

Well, I baptized this husband and then he stood on the other side of his wife and he and I together started to lay his wife back in the water and suddenly he became afraid and excited and when she was but half in the water he began to raise her up and I could not resist him and there she stood and it came over me that I had not done an honest job and I tell you it made me mad at the husband and I said to him suddenly — and so loud the whole congregation heard it — "This woman is only half baptized. Now you get out of the way and let me do the thing right!" He did get out of the way and I took the woman and laid her back in the water again and with all my might and main pushed her down deep in the water and then by the grace of God raised her up in the likeness of Christ's resurrection, and I tell you, from that day to this, I have never let anybody try to help me baptize.

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ISSUE BIBLE STORIES ON PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

NEW YORK—(RNS)—A series of fifty phonograph-record Bible stories for children is being manufactured by Bibletone Record Co., of New York, it was announced here.

Two of the series—"David and Goliath" and "Daniel in the Lion's Den"—have already been placed on sale. Three more—"Joseph and His Brethren," "Noah's Ark," and "The Life and Ministry of Jesus,"—are in production.

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Arkadelphia, Ark. Sept. —(SBA)—Dr. S. W. Eubanks, pastor of the First Church, Nevada, Missouri, has been elected as head of the Bible Department of Ouachita College to succeed Dr. O. W. Yates who has gone to Georgetown College in Kentucky. For three years, Dr. Eubanks was head of the Bible department at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He is a graduate of William Jewell, the University of Missouri, and has the Th. M. and Th. D. from the Southern Seminary.

Pope A. Duncan, of Bowman, Ga., formerly a fellow in the Church History department at Southern Seminary, will be a member of the faculty of Stetson University, Deland, Fla., beginning this year, as associate professor in the Department of Religion. Last year he was director of religious activities at Mercer University. He worked this summer at Southern Seminary on his thesis leading to the Th.D. degree.